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Baghdad has no ambition to keep Iranian territory

Iraq withdraws troops from southern Iran

BAGHDAD, July 23, (Agencies): Iraq said today it had withdrawn its troops from southern Iran and would later complete a pullout of all its forces in Iranian territory.

A military spokesman said the withdrawal took place after Iraqi forces had sent to Iraqi prisoners of war and equipment seized during the offensive launched yesterday.

The spokesman said the offensive was carried out by the Third Army Corps, whose troops had returned to their bases east of the southern port of Basra.

Defined

"According to principles and plans performed by our armed forces, units of the Third Army Corps started the withdrawal this afternoon from Hameed camp and Iran's southern field headquarters to their original positions," the spokesman said.

"The policy of withdrawing our forces to their original positions will be applied according to a defined timetable on other war sectors," he said.

Iraq said earlier that 8,500

Invasion

The heaviest battles were around the towns of Humid, Jofair and Khushk west of Ahvaz, as well as Salameh, a little further north and the northern suburbs of the Iranian port city of Khorramshahr, the agency reported.

Iranian television broke into its regular newscast to announce that "our Muslim combatants forced the Iraqi forces to retreat" from those towns.

IRNA said the tank-led "Iraqi invasion" was backed by heavy artillery fire, chemical weapons, jet fighters and helicopter gunships and was aimed at occupying Khorramshahr and Ahvaz.

No casualty figures were provided.

Tehran Radio said Iranian warplanes flew 51 combat missions during the day over the southern and central fronts.

IRNA said the town of Gilan-e-Gharb, on the central front 20 miles (32 kilometres) inside Iran and about 110 miles (175 kilometres) northeast of Baghdad, fell to advancing Iraqi troops who used chemical weapons.

Iraq also captured Sar-e-Pol Zahab garrison, the agency said. Iraq did not respond to the accusation that it used the outlawed weapons.

Rush

A war communique released here said Iraqi warplanes flew 161 combat missions during the day all along the front.

Tehran Radio, interrupted its regular programme to urge all able-bodied Iranians to rush to the front.

"The enemy has embarked on fresh mischiefs and intends to capture the territory of our homeland," it said. "Oh proud nation of Iran... make haste to courageously confront the onslaught of the enemy. Turn towards the fronts."

IRNA said Iranian fighter-bombers flew 25 missions this morning, heavily bombing Iraqi positions in the southern and central areas.

It said an Iraqi jet fighter was hit by anti-aircraft fire over the southern front and "the aircraft disintegrated in the air." Iraq denied an aircraft had been shot down.

The Iranian agency also reported Iraqi fighter jet activity over the northern and central sectors of the war zone, but said the planes were chased off by Iranian ground fire.

In the northern sector, the Iraqi agency said the Iranians dropped long-range artillery on a housing complex in Bimalik in northern Sulaymaniyah province. The report, quoting an unidentified military spokesman, said three civilians were killed and four were wounded in the attack last night.

Iraq denied firing into Iraqi territory. But IRNA said Iraqi troops along the northern front were shelling the border town of Sardasht and 90 others around it.

The towns are in a disputed border area claimed by Iraq under the terms of a 1975 agreement with Iran.

"All we want is to liberate our occupied areas," Information Minister Latif Jasssem said here, adding: "We have no aggressive intentions against Iran."

Jasssem, who was quoted by the Iraqi News Agency, said Iraq's seizure of land along the central war front over the past two days had been made to "liberate" national territory.

He said another aim was to take as many Iranian prisoners as possible "to facilitate the achievement of a lasting and comprehensive peace."

Intensive

But as the fighting continued, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali-Akbar Velayati and his Iraqi counterpart Tareq Aziz agreed to hold separate, intensive talks with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar on implementation of a Security Council plan to end the conflict.

It was not immediately known if the belligerents would hold direct, face-to-face talks, as urged by Iraq, whether there would be proximity talks with Perez de Cuellar shuttling between delegations or whether the talks would be sequentially separate.

Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Jaafar Mahallati indicated during a news conference that Velayati might agree to a face-to-face meeting with Aziz if requested by the secretary-general.

When asked earlier in the week about direct talks he had said Iran would not agree to participate in them.

Implementation

But yesterday he said: "Iran is ready to go along without any limitations whatsoever in the implementation of (Security Council) Resolution 598 if the secretary-general requires it."

Perez de Cuellar has said he prefers direct talks, but diplomats said he was not likely

Appeal for a return to traditional values

Haj reaches orderly climax

BAHRAIN, July 23, (Agencies): The annual Muslim pilgrimage (haj) reached its climax in an orderly and calm atmosphere today when up to 1.5 million faithful braved scorching heat to pray at Mount Arafat near Makkah.

Saudi Arabia today described as "lies and fabrication" a report from Iran that hundreds of pilgrims demonstrated in Makkah yesterday.

The official Saudi Press Agency (SPA), monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, quoted what it called a responsible source as saying the

Tehran Radio report was "totally fabricated and it has no basis of truth whatsoever."

"It comes as one in the chain of lies and fabrications which are spread by Iran for the purpose of sensationalism, agitation and turning facts upside down," SPA quoted the source as saying.

Unity

The pilgrims heard a leading Saudi theologian appeal for a return to traditional Islamic values and for unity among the world's 700 million Muslims as a means to restore Islam's glory.

The ceremonies, including the appeal by blind Sheikh Abdul

Aziz Al-Sheikh, was televised live to Arab and Muslim countries from the site where Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) gave his last sermon 14 centuries ago.

"Fear God and return to your Islam," Sheikh Abdul Aziz told the teeming mass of pilgrims, most of whom listened to his voice from loudspeakers as they sat round the mosque where he is a preacher.

The cleric told the pilgrims from more than 130 countries that Muslims had distanced themselves from religion and this

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Soviets deny troops sent back

Afghans rocket Pakistani town

QUETTA, Pakistan, July 23, (Reuters): Afghan forces rocketed and shelled a Pakistani border town today, killing at least six people and wounding 25, officials said.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union denied allegations made by Pakistan that Moscow was sending back troops to Afghanistan.

Thousands of residents fled Chaman in Baluchistan province after an eight-hour exchange of fire between Afghan and Pakistani troops, witnesses said.

Officials said about 30 rockets and 80 mortar bombs or tank shells slammed into Chaman and its environs, damaging many shops and other buildings.

Pakistani border militia fired tank and artillery shells into Afghanistan in retaliation. Officials said there was no immediate information of casualties on the Afghan side.

The clash was the most serious in the area about 100 km (60 miles) north-west of the Baluchistan capital Quetta, since June 14 when at least three civilians were killed and 10 wounded by Afghan rockets.

Soviet armed forces Chief of Staff Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev denied today that Moscow had sent troops back to

Afghanistan, the official news agency Tass reported.

Akhromeyev dismissed as "pure slander" a statement by Pakistan President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq that Moscow had dispatched 10,000 troops back to the country because of the military situation around the capital, Kabul.

Accords

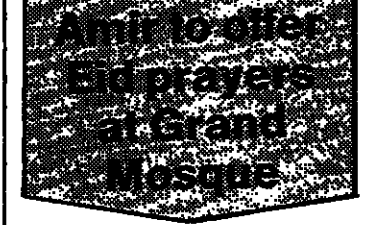
"The withdrawal of Soviet forces from the Republic of Afghanistan is proceeding in full accordance with the accords reached in Geneva," Tass quoted Akhromeyev as saying.

Tass said Akhromeyev, who is also first deputy defence minister, categorically rejected Zia's allegations.

"Pure slander is what the Soviet armed forces chief called the reports," Tass said.

Zia, who was talking to reporters at his presidential palace in Rawalpindi, said he had no independent confirmation of the reports, which he said had come from the United Nations.

He said Moscow had withdrawn some 34,000 troops since the Soviet pullout started on May 15, but had brought between 10,000 and 12,000 back because it felt the situation around Kabul was untenable.



HH the Amir will offer Eid Al Adha prayers today at the State Grand Mosque, the Amiri Diwan has announced.

The Amir will receive well-wishers at the Celebration Hall in the Sief Palace immediately after Eid prayers.

The Amiri Diwan expressed heartfelt felicitations and best wishes to the people of Kuwait and the Arab and Muslim nations.

New-born baby kidnapped from hospital

By Naser Al Tameemi

A NEW-BORN baby boy was kidnapped on Friday from the Maternity Hospital in Kuwait after less than 48 hours of his birth.

The boy's mother, it is said, delivered the baby through a Caesarian operation and the infant was kept in the observation room for tests and observation.

The boy's grandmother, when she visited the hospital, brought the child to the ward for the mother to have a look for the first time. The baby was with the mother and grandmother for about 10 minutes and then put back in the observation room.

When the grandmother was leaving, she wanted to see the child once again and was surprised to find the baby missing from the room. She immediately informed the in-charge of the ward.

Nurses and other medical staff informed the grandmother that a lady wearing a black veil without a face cover had taken the boy away. They said that the woman had asked about the baby and his mother and was accordingly guided to the baby's room.

Police are carrying out intensive investigations.

The kidnapped baby's uncle, said that police have interrogated the baby's father, mother and grandmother. They have also been called for further questioning by the general prosecution.

The father, Abdulla Daifallah, is 31 years old and is in the Kuwaiti Army. The kidnapped baby was his second son.

Oil wells capped

ABERDEEN, Scotland, July 23, (Reuters): Texan oil firefighter Paul "Red" Adair today capped two more oil wells and extinguished another well fire aboard the stricken North Sea oil disaster platform, operators Occidental Petroleum said.

A spokeswoman said Adair's team boarded the wrecked Piper Alpha platform early in the day after dousing it with thousands of gallons of seawater and plugged the two wells with cement.

Hepatitis vaccine

BEIJING, July 23, (AP): Chinese scientists say they have successfully tested a vaccine for hepatitis-A, a disease that strikes millions of Chinese.

The official China daily said today the Public Health Ministry has given approval to the vaccine and urged scientists to produce it on a large scale.

Islam does not allow political parties: Zia

RAWALPINDI, July 23, (Reuters): Pakistan President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who has barred political parties from contesting elections in November, said today he believed parties had no place in an Islamic state.

In Islam, he said, there could be only two parties — the party of God and the party of Satan.

"My personal view is that political parties are nothing but sources of divisiveness within the community," he told a group of foreign reporters at his presidency in Rawalpindi.

But the President, whose own father was the equivalent of an Army chaplain, told reporters he would not force his views on others and said parties would continue to exist.

Since seizing power in 1977, Zia has promoted the Islamisation of Pakistan. Last month, he promulgated an ordinance making Muslim sharia law based on the holy Quran the country's highest legal authority.

He sacked Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo on May 29 and dissolved the National Assembly (lower house), accusing the prime minister of failing to pursue Islamisation vigorously enough.

Zia's move against Junejo precipitated a political crisis, which intensified this week when he delayed fresh elections until



Gen. Zia-ul-Haq

Nov 16 and said political parties would be barred from putting up candidates.

The parties are not banned from campaigning, but candidates will have to stand in their own right and cannot use nationally known party symbols.

Zia denied he chose November because opposition leader Benazir Bhutto would by then be in the last weeks of pregnancy.

"I am not as dirty and low as somebody may think," he said. "I have not yet adopted the profession of midwifery."

Benazir's Pakistan People's Party and other opposition parties grouped under the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy have condemned his decision to hold non-party elections and said they would challenge it in the supreme court.

Ne Win offers to resign

RANGOON, July 23, (Reuters): Ne Win, who has ruled with an iron grip for 26 years, offered to resign today and said Burma should be given the chance to repudiate his one-party socialist system.

In a speech to an extraordinary congress of the Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP)

broadcast by Rangoon Radio, the former general, 77, said he was indirectly responsible for five months of rioting that diplomats said left over 200 dead.

Ne Win said five other top leaders wanted to stand down. They included President San Yu

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Holiday notice

Arab Times will not be published tomorrow due to the Eid holiday. Bingo numbers do not appear today.

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Low water: 2.00 am, 12.00 pm

Sunrise: 5.03 am

Sunset: 6.46 pm

Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 47°C (117°F)

Ahmed: 44°C (111°F)

Falaka: 44°C (111°F)

Minimum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 32°C (90°F)

Ahmed: 35°C (95°F)

Falaka: 35°C (95°F)

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 71 per cent

Ahmed: 30 per cent

Falaka: 30 per cent

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 21 per cent

Ahmed: 30 per cent

Falaka: 30 per cent

Israeli troops battle with Palestinians

US expresses concern over fresh violence

WASHINGTON, July 23, (Agencies): The US State Department has reiterated its concern over violent confrontations and "harsh measures" in Israeli-occupied territories populated by Palestinians.

"We note with increasing concern the number of deaths and injuries over the past two weeks," department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley told reporters.

"Continued confrontations and harsh measures, including collective punishment, serve no constructive cause and only increase the mistrust and agony for Palestinians and Israelis," Mrs Oakley said.

"Both sides must focus on the need for a political process which is realistic and serves the aspirations of all those who want peace," she added.

In occupied Jerusalem Israeli troops today battled with Palestinian youths throwing stones and bottles for the fourth day this week.

Police, preparing for disturbances on the eve of the Muslim religious holiday, closed the old city to Arabs from the occupied West Bank or Gaza Strip and turned back Arabs at some entrances to the city.

But some 50 Palestinian youths, protesting over the Army killing of a 17-year-old Arab

Christian from Jerusalem earlier this week, marched from St Saviour church in the Christian quarter to the youth's home near Damascus Gate, chanting nationalist slogans.

Cover

Startled tourists and shoppers ran for cover as the youths threw stones and bottles at border police patrols, who shot tear gas and rubber bullets. Vendors abandoned their stalls, and youths began throwing fruit at policemen.

Two protesters were slightly injured by tear gas canisters.

Palestinians have been rioting in Arab east Jerusalem and the old city over Faoud Rabadi's

shooting in Dakhlat Al Zeit, near Jerusalem.

He was the first Jerusalem resident to die in a seven-month-old uprising that has claimed at least 242 Palestinian and four Israeli lives.

Police cordoned off Rabadi's house, where his family sat in mourning, and arrested several suspected demonstrators.

Palestinian observers said Christians were eager to show their solidarity with the Muslim-led uprising.

In the West Bank, streets were crowded with shoppers stocking up before the Muslim holiday. There were no reported disturbances.

Activists to oppose S. African press plan

JOHANNESBURG, July 23. (AP): Journalists, businessmen and anti-apartheid activists met last night and said they would call for international and domestic protests against a government plan to require registration of journalists beginning July 31.

The broadly worded regulations, published June 10, say anyone carrying out "news agency" business must register with the government or face a 10-year prison term or a 20,000-rand (\$10,000) fine.

Lawyers have said the definition of a "news agency" is so wide that major commercial papers that exchange stories, church and political groups that publish newsletters, and businesses that issue regular press statements on their operations could be included if the government so desired.

South Africa's largest news agency, the South African Press Association, and all major international agencies, including the Associated Press, are specifically exempted from the regulations.

But "stringers" and "freelancers," local journalists who supply news to some of the world's major newspapers and news agencies, are required to register if they work for more than one employer. Most do.

Journalists who register under the regulations could later be struck off the registration list by Home Affairs Minister Stoffel Botha, who would have the power to prevent such a person from working again in any journalistic position. His decisions can be made without a hearing and are not subject to appeal.

Anton Harber, co-editor of the weekly Mail, which the government has threatened with closure, said a wide spectrum of the agencies or groups that might be affected by a broad interpretation of the regulations should "say publicly we will not register."

Bangladesh, Pakistan improving ties

DHAKA, July 23. (Reuters): Bangladesh and Pakistan say they are forging closer economic and political ties after burying past bitterness.

Pakistani Minister for Commerce, Finance, Planning and Development Dr. Mahbubul Haq said today that Islamabad would expand its trade, propose joint industrial ventures and extend credits to Dhaka to boost their relations.

To promote their goodwill, the two countries have decided to sidestep the thorny question of sharing assets held by them until 1971 in the former undivided Pakistan.

Sharing of assets had been a major irritant since Bangladesh broke away from Pakistan after a civil war 17 years ago. Dhaka has demanded billions of dollars as part of its share from the former central government resources.

"The only asset we have discussed about is the asset of goodwill that two of us have," Haq, now on a visit to Bangladesh, told a news conference.

Haq announced on Friday that Pakistan would give Bangladesh \$50 million in soft credit, 100,000 tonnes of cement and 30,000 tonnes of sugar.

Cases filed against Nagorno-Karabakh activists

Soviets disciplining strikers

MOSCOW, July 23. (Reuters): Soviet authorities have started disciplining the directors of strike-bound enterprises and taking others to court in the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Soviet and Azerbaijani prosecutors "intend to restore public order and labour discipline, to sue their powers fully," Arkady Boretsky, a department head in the Soviet general prosecutor's office, was quoted as saying yesterday.

Instigating
"(Communist) Party. Soviet and administrative organs are undertaking measures for installing order and stabilising the situation," Tass news agency reported Boretsky as saying.

But the measures have not yet had much effect, Soviet television acknowledged, showing film of deserted streets in Stepanakert, capital of the predominantly Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan.

The rebel region has continued a two-month-old strike this week despite a Kremlin rejection of its request to be united with Armenia and warnings from Moscow of a crackdown on

unrest and strikes. Tass said that a criminal investigation had been opened against the director of a publishing house in Nagorno-Karabakh for instigating a work stoppage there.

Other executives have been sued by prosecutors claiming damage from lost production during strikes.

Disciplinary action was taken against the chief of the Stepanakert train station, Tass said, indicating he might be reprimanded or transferred.

Similar moves were being considered against the directors of other enterprises, the report said. It added that more than 100 people in Nagorno-Karabakh, dismissed recently for reasons related to the ethnic tension in the region, had now been reinstated.

Arrest
Tass did not give the nationality of those reinstated, but Soviet media have reported that some Azerbaijanis were sacked from their jobs in predominantly Armenian Nagorno-Karabakh. Authorities also have moved this week to quell unrest in Armenia, where sympathisers

with Nagorno-Karabakh have been involved in strikes and protests.

On Thursday, the arrest of six people in connection with the unrest was announced by the Soviet media. And on Wednesday an Armenian nationalist was ordered expelled from the country.

But strikes continued yesterday in Yerevan, the capital of Soviet Armenia.

"Very many factories are not working today," an Armenian Foreign Ministry spokesman said. He said the strike was called at a mass rally in Yerevan on Thursday evening.

Reform
Meanwhile, the ruling Soviet politburo has discussed suggestions for sweeping political reform in preparation for a plenum of the party central committee, Pravda said today.

Well-informed Soviet sources expect the plenum to convene in Moscow on July 29 with the task of translating into concrete measures a programme for deep political reform put forward by a party conference three weeks ago.

Pravda said the politburo

meeting on Thursday discussed the conference proposals and reviewed a series of documents to be discussed at the plenum.

The 13-man politburo also discussed measures to improve supplies of food and consumer goods, a top priority goal on Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's agenda for change.

The party conference, the first such gathering in 47 years, proposed among other reforms a power-sharing arrangement between government and the party under which Gorbachev could become President.

Plenums have the power to replace members of the politburo, and the conference heard calls for the removal of current President Andrei Gromyko and party control chief Mikhail Solomentsev, who are identified with the pre-Gorbachev era.

But analysts said the central committee was unlikely to make such moves before the revised Soviet political system was operational.

Analysts expect changes in the party apparatus to proceed during the autumn and a new parliament to be elected next spring.

Dietary fat linked to heart disease

WASHINGTON, July 23. (Reuters): The US government, in a report to be made public this week, for the first time officially links a diet high in fat and cholesterol to heart disease, food industry sources said on Wednesday.

The sources said the report, called "The Surgeon General's report on nutrition and health," will also link other common medical conditions such as certain cancers, obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure to poor diet.

Although the relationships outlined in the report are already well known within the scientific establishment and no longer very controversial, the report is nonetheless significant because it will mark the first time the links have been set down in an official government publication.

"This will be the first time these issues have been formally addressed by the government," one industry source told Reuters.

The report, more than four years in the making, is to be made public at a July 27 news conference, according to officials of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The extension follows the indictment last month of a former Central Intelligence Agency station chief in Costa Rica and comes as independent counsel Lawrence Walsh prepares for the trial of Oliver North.

North and three others are charged with conspiring to illegally divert profits from US-Iran arms sales to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

US district judge Aubrey Robinson Jr. ordered the grand jury — a panel examining whether to bring down trial indictments — to continue its work through Jan. 27, 1989, extending its original 18-month authority into the term of the next President.

Walsh was appointed by a panel of judges to investigate the Iran-Contra case and is independent of the Justice Department. Jim Wiegart, Walsh's spokesman, said he could not comment on specifics of the investigations.

But the indictment of the former CIA official, Joseph Fernandez, and unidentified co-conspirators indicated that Walsh has expanded his investigation to an operation to organise a private arms supply network for the Nicaraguan rebels.

Phenomenon
The bishop of London, Graham Leonard, warned that women's ordination threw into question the Christian gospel. During the same debate a black American Anglican woman priest received standing ovation.

The reverend Nan Peete



Surrounded by a crowd, Dukakis (left) and his running mate Bentsen kick off their campaign in Houston. (Reuters wirephoto)

Dukakis launches presidential campaign

WASHINGTON, July 23. (AP): Democrat Michael Dukakis has begun his campaign for the White House in a symbolic trip to his running mate's home ground and a blast at George Bush, the Republican nominee-to-be.

Dukakis, a day after accepting the Democratic nomination, said the vice president and other Republicans, "wouldn't know a balanced budget if it hit them in the face."

"The Republicans are all confused — they don't know what to make of this ticket," Dukakis said after arriving in Texas, which is the home state of running mate Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, as well as Bush's adopted home state.

Differences
The candidates left on their campaign stump with praise from Jesse Jackson, but the black civil rights leader who was Dukakis' strongest Democratic rival said his followers will be ready to turn up the "street heat" to make sure the nominees follow the Jackson agenda.

"You ask us to trust you," Jackson said to Dukakis and Bentsen. "All that we can ask of anyone is that they not betray that trust."

Bush, campaigning in Milwaukee, praised Dukakis' acceptance speech as "very good" but harped on the differences between

weaken Dukakis and Bentsen, saying Dukakis is far more liberal on most issues than his running mate. Bush predicted the Democratic Party will be "running against itself by the time we get through."

Dukakis and Bentsen were travelling together in California today, continuing their three-day, cross-country campaign kickoff swing with a rally in California's San Joaquin Valley before flying to North Dakota, in the nation's agricultural midsection, for an appearance at the state fair.

Although North Dakota has but three electoral votes, they were journeying to the drought-stricken state in part to make clear their intention to challenge Bush in all regions of the country, including the agricultural midwest as well as the electoral giants.

Bentsen called it fitting that the first stop on the post-convention trip was in McAllen, Texas, his home region, and Dukakis displayed his fluent Spanish to appeal to the heavily Hispanic crowd while reminding them that both he and Bentsen have immigrant roots.

"And now we are the nominees — the son of immigrants and the grandson of immigrants," he told them. "That's America, my friends."

No solution seen to Anglican row over women's ordination

CANTERBURY, England, July 23. (Reuters): After a week of prayers and debate in their spiritual home, Anglican leaders are no nearer a solution to their rift over women's ordination.

The issue threatens to split the 70-million-strong Anglican communion, the world's second largest Christian community after Roman Catholicism, and has turned this Lambeth conference into the most crucial and controversial ever held.

On Friday the 525 bishops representing 164 countries at the three-week conference debated women's ordination — a practice in some Anglican churches and a sacrilege in others.

Phenomenon
The bishop of London, Graham Leonard, warned that women's ordination threw into question the Christian gospel. During the same debate a black American Anglican woman priest received standing ovation.

The reverend Nan Peete

became the first woman priest ever to address a Lambeth conference, which first convened at the Archbishop of Canterbury's London residence of Lambeth Palace in 1867.

"To many of you I am a phenomenon. To others I am a familiar sight and to others I am a contradiction in terms," Peete, 50, rector of a church in Indianapolis, told the bishops.

Stake
Peete, a black woman who was ordained three years ago, said she turned to the church as a sanctuary from the pain of racism she suffered while growing up in the United States in the 1940s and 1950s.

"Those same feelings come back when I am not accepted as a priest, this time because of my sex and not my race," she said.

Bishop Leonard, one of the fiercest opponents of women priests, told the conference: "I cannot accept that the ordination of women to the priesthood

is what has been described as a "legitimate" development.

"I do not wish to be over-dramatic, but for some of us what is at stake is the revealed nature of the Christian gospel under which we stand to be judged, as has every generation of Christians since Pentecost."

Bishops are due to vote on the issue on Aug. 1, after resolutions are drawn up next week.

The Anglican church, founded in 1534 when Henry VIII rejected Rome's authority to divorce his first wife, has no central authority — and thus the issue can only be resolved by a compromise.

Bishops in New Zealand, Canada, Hong Kong, Brazil and Australia have already ordained more than 1,000 women priests and are now pressing to ordain some of them as bishops.

In other parts, bishops have threatened to join the more traditional Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches if women are ordained priests.

Syrian troops tighten security

BEIRUT, July 23. (Agencies): Syrian troops stepped up security around their bases in Lebanon today, one day after a car bomb detonated near one of their intelligence stations in West Beirut killing 10 people and wounding 51.

Syrian soldiers manning sandbagged checkpoints thoroughly frisked motorists in West Beirut and other cities under their control after the third car bombing near one of their installations in Lebanon this year.

A police officer said the Syrians also prevented motorists from parking vehicles near Syrian Army bases in an apparent effort to avoid further car bomb attacks.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack, which occurred during the morning rush hour.

The officer said police did not have a report on casualties among the Syrian soldiers at the intelligence base and a nearby checkpoint.

The blast yesterday occurred in an area between a pharmacy and a petrol station, about 20 metres from the Syrian intelligence station erected at its entrance.

Meanwhile, President Amin Gemayel today entered the last two months of his six-year term, the period in which the remnants of Lebanon's Parliament must elect a successor.

Speaker Hussein Husseini is expected to set a date for the 76 surviving members of the 99-seat House to meet and elect a successor to the 46-year-old Maronite leader.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nico dies

IBIZA, Spain, July 23. (UPI): German singer "Nico", favourite muse of the late pop artist Andy Warhol, died of a brain haemorrhage July 18, hospital sources said today.

Nico, whose real name was Christa Paffgen, was found unconscious on Monday afternoon near her bicycle on a road to a beach on the Mediterranean resort island of Ibiza.

She was picked up by a passing car and taken to the Cannes-Nistos Hospital, a spokesman at the hospital said today. She died of a brain haemorrhage, apparently caused by a fall, he said.

Indian monsoons

BOMBAY, July 23. (Reuters): Seven people died and six were injured when an overnight landslide crushed huts in a Bombay slum, police said today.

Debris was still being cleared and at least two more people were believed to be trapped, they said.

The landslide, following a week of torrential rains over the Arabian Sea port city, brought to 236 the known death toll from the monsoon rains sweeping India.

Heat wave

BEIJING, July 23. (UPI): More than 20 million workers have been sent to water crops withering under a killer heat wave that has claimed more than 510 lives and scorched southern China in one of the worst droughts of the century, news reports said today.

In Shanghai, officials said 42 more people have died, bringing the number of deaths due to blazing temperatures to 113 in China's most populous city, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Ship missing

MANILA, July 23. (UPI): A Liberian-owned cargo vessel with 25 Filipino crew members aboard has been missing in the Indian Ocean for nearly three weeks, shipping officials reported today.

Rene Aguirre, spokesman for the ship's owners, said the MV Singa Sea made its last known radio call on July 3, but the crew did not indicate there were any problems.

S. African violence

PRETORIA, July 23. (AP): Police investigating two murders shot and killed two black men when the police fired on a crowd that had shot at them, according to an official report today.

Fourteen men were arrested at Neamatalla after the shooting ended, the daily police unrest report said. Police went there to investigate two stabbing deaths in Zululand, they said.

Cholera toll rises

NEW DELHI, July 23. (Reuters): Fourteen people died of cholera in New Delhi today, raising the death toll in the capital's epidemic to 118, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

Officials said nearly 270 suspected victims were admitted to hospital during the day.

Ne Win offers to resign

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and joint secretary Sein Lwin, who directed the ruthless suppression of the recent demonstrations.

"The bloody events of March and June show the lack of trust in the government and the party that guides it," he said.

In a 30-minute address which he described as "maybe my last speech to you," Ne Win said a referendum should be held in September to decide whether people wanted a one-party or a multi-party system. He said he wanted to resign irrespective of the outcome of the referendum.

"Because I believe I am indirectly responsible for the tragic events of March and June, and because of my old age, I wish to request the party members to permit me to resign as the party chairman as well as from the party."

The one-party system enshrined in the constitution was imposed after the 1962 military takeover and described as the "Burmese way to socialism."

It led the 38 million Burmese down an economic slide from a once-wealthy rice-growing state into one of the world's poorest.

Western diplomats said even if Ne Win did step down from his formal post, the reclusive leader who has wielded absolute power for a generation was likely to maintain a strong influence in running the country.

The congress, which is resuming on Sunday, was expected to agree on economic reforms aimed at loosening state control and opening up to more foreign investment and co-operation with foreign firms.

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Italian film director Franco Zeffirelli and Elizabeth Taylor at a news conference at Zeffirelli's home in Rome. (Reuters wirephoto)

Liz vows to step up AIDS campaign

ROME, July 23. (Reuters): Actress Elizabeth Taylor announced that she intended to devote her time to campaigning for AIDS research and helping victims of the disease.

Taylor, 56, was speaking at a news conference about her return to the screen after a seven-year absence in a Franco Zeffirelli film about the early career of the late Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini.

She plays Russian Soprano Nadia Bulisov, with whom Toscanini falls in love, in the \$16-million joint Italian-French production of "The Young Toscanini," due for release in September.

Taylor said the most important thing in her life now was the American Foundation for AIDS Research she founded in September 1985 and which she said had raised \$12 million so far.

"I don't really like being famous but I thought that if using my name could do some good and could be of some benefit it is worth it," she said.

"If a script comes along that I really like then I will do it, but now my life is for AIDS. It's the most important thing I am involved in."

NPA raids power station and hospital

Filipino rebels escalate violence

MANILA, July 23. (AP): Communist guerrillas attacked a power station in a southern town for the second time and raided a hospital in the northern Philippines in separate incidents during the past week, military and news reports said today.

About 40 New People's Army rebels sprayed the electric power substation in the town of Tudela with rifle fire late Thursday, destroying four transformers and 45 voltage regulators, the military said.

The attack brought to seven the number of towns plunged into darkness in Misamis Occidental province, about 770 kilometres southeast of Manila, since the rebels' first assault on the substation a day earlier, a military official from the region said.

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Gurkha rivals clash as talks open in Delhi

DARJEELING, July 23. (Reuters): Fighting between rival Gurkha militant factions claimed three lives near Darjeeling as Gurkha leader Subhas Ghising held preliminary talks in New Delhi to end the two-year-old agitation.

Police said factions supporting and opposing Ghising clashed today in Kalimpong, 80 km from Darjeeling, the capital of the hilly region claimed by the Gurkhas as a homeland.

They said a Ghising supporter was backed to death and an unidentified man died later in the hospital.

In the nearby Dooars region, police found a forest officer's half-burned body today. Police blamed anti-Ghising militants fleeing from Kalimpong for the killing.

Ghising, president of the Gurkha National Liberation Front (GNLF), has moderated his demand for an independent Gurkha homeland within the north-eastern state of West Bengal and says he is willing to accept limited autonomy for the hills.

Accord

He is already in New Delhi, where he is expected to sign an accord with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu on

Monday to end the militant campaign which has cost more than 350 lives.

In Darjeeling, posters appeared threatening to kill anyone who created trouble while Ghising was away. Signed by the GNLF, they said: "Those violating peace will be made six inches shorter from the top." The text was accompanied by a picture of a severed head.

Gurkha militants have beheaded 17 alleged police informants and "traitors" in the past three months.

Death toll

Meanwhile, the number of killings in the state of Punjab rose to 19 last night in violence blamed on Sikh militants campaigning for an independent homeland, United News of India reported.

Five Nihangs, members of a Sikh fundamentalist sect, were shot to death Friday on a highway near the town of Mehta Chowk, UNI said. The area is 40 kilometres south of Amritsar.

Three Sikhs, including two women, were gunned down the same day in the nearby village of Shero Padha.

Three unidentified people, believed killed Thursday, were found Friday in Chogowan, another nearby village, the agency said.

Return of Afghan war prisoners

Soviets seek Iran's help

MOSCOW, July 23. (AP): A top Kremlin diplomat has asked Iran to help secure the return of Soviet soldiers taken prisoner in Afghanistan, and said Iran could help put an end to that country's decade-old civil war, Tass said.

The official Soviet news agency reported Friday on the results of First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli M. Vorontsov's visit to Tehran, the Iranian capital. Tass said "much attention" during Vorontsov's visit was paid to developments in Afghanistan.

On May 15, Soviet troops began withdrawing from that country, where since December 1979 they had been helping fight rebels opposed to Kabul's Moscow-backed government.

Aid

Many of those insurgents are Muslim fundamentalists, and are backed by Tehran in their fight against the Marxist government that took power in April 1978 following a bloody coup.

"The Soviet side pointed out, in particular, that Iran might make its contribution to the cause of normalising the situation in Afghanistan," Tass said. "It was agreed that the sides

would continue to discuss the issue constructively."

Tass gave no further details, but the Soviets were presumably seeking an end in Iranian aid to the Afghan insurgents. They have repeatedly accused Pakistan of violating international agreements on Afghanistan by not stopping arms and munitions shipments to the rebels through Pakistani territory.

Appealed

During his three-day visit to Tehran, which ended Friday, Vorontsov met with Iranian President Sayed Ali Khamenei and Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, and held "businesslike talks" with Deputy Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Larjani, Tass said.

"The Soviet side also expressed the hope that Iran would promote the return of Soviet servicemen, who are being kept by the Afghan armed opposition, to the Soviet Union," Tass said. "The Iranian side promised to render assistance in this respect."

The Soviets say 311 of their soldiers are missing in Afghanistan and are presumed to be held by the mujahedeen rebels.

In June, the Soviet Red Cross and Red Crescent societies appealed to Iran, Pakistan and the United States, as well as to the Afghan guerrillas, to help secure the return of the missing men.

Previous Soviet diplomatic efforts on the PoWs have focused on Pakistan. Last month in Moscow, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze summoned the Pakistani ambassador to ask for his help in securing the prisoners' return.

The Soviets have said they had more than 100,000 soldiers in Afghanistan before the pullout began in May. Under terms of the UN-brokered agreement on Afghanistan signed in Geneva in April, half of the Soviet troops are supposed to be home by Aug 15, and the remainder by Feb 15.

Meanwhile, a UN official said that 13 Western countries have pledged to contribute \$100 million in aid to war-ravaged Afghanistan, a top UN official said on Thursday.

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the UN co-ordinator for humanitarian and economic assistance programmes for Afghanistan, told a meeting of the UN's Economic and Social Council in Gen-

eva that other major donor nations would soon announce initial contributions.

Repair

The United Nations launched a \$1.16-billion appeal on June 10 for humanitarian and economic aid, to help repair the ravages of eight years of war in Afghanistan.

Prince Sadruddin, who visited Moscow earlier this month, said he was particularly pleased that the Soviet Union had also publicly pledged to contribute to the UN rehabilitation programme.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told him during the visit that the Soviet Union had allocated 305 million roubles (\$510 million) in aid to returning refugees and 60 million roubles (\$100 million) in reconstruction aid for war damage.

Prince Sadruddin, who was appointed after the accord was signed, described the response from the international community so far as "remarkably enthusiastic and generous."

He said he planned to call a pledging conference in the autumn, possibly to coincide with the opening of the UN General Assembly.

Lack of funds blocks US visit of Lebanese children

FRESNO, California, July 23 (UPI): A programme to bring children from war-torn Lebanon to the United States for vacations in American family homes has been cancelled this summer due to a lack of funds, a spokesman said today.

Vincent Lavery, a Fresno school teacher who heads the National Volunteer Children's Committee 10, said efforts to raise \$30,000 for travel expenses and insurance for a dozen Lebanese youngsters have failed.

Some of the youngsters tentatively selected for this year's visit have had their hopes dashed, he said.

"It was evident the money was not coming in," Lavery said.

Lavery, an Irish immigrant, launched a volunteer effort in 1981 to bring Catholic and Protestant children living in violence-ravaged Northern Ireland to the United States for a six-week vacation in the homes of volunteer families.

The highly acclaimed programme was the subject of a 1984 network television movie "Children in the Crossfire." More than 1,200 Northern Irish youngsters have come to the United States including the 44 already in American homes this summer.

Publicity

In 1986, Lavery expanded the programme to include Lebanese. Children and in the past two years 28 youngsters from the Beirut area were brought over to America for six-week vacations. The visits received wide media coverage, including stories by all three television networks and many major newspapers.

Lavery said it cost \$37,000 to bring the 28 Lebanese children and that cake sales and fund-raisers accounted for only \$7,000 of that total. The other \$30,000 was borrowed from proceeds paid to the organisation from the television movie on the Irish children.

Lavery said he had a verbal commitment in February from the Hariri Foundation, a Lebanese philanthropic organisation based in Washington, D.C., to donate \$30,000 in travel funds for this summer's programme but the foundation later reneged on the offer for "reasons that were never made clear to me."

Floods and drought kill hundreds in China

BEIJING, July 23. (AP): Heavy floods and one of the worst droughts in nearly 40 years have combined to kill hundreds of people and wipe out thousands of acres of cropland this year, a government official said.

Yang Zhenhui, head of the Water Resources Ministry, said floods and torrential rain killed 544 people this year, and a drought scouring wide areas of central and southern China threatens to be one of the worst since the communists came to power in 1949, the China Daily reported today.

Yang said 27.9 million acres (11.3 million hectares) of farmland were affected by the drought, and 15.3 million acres (6.2 million hectares) had been flooded.

The Civil Affairs Ministry this week said 65.8 million acres (26.6 million hectares) had been affected by drought and 24.7 million acres (10 million hectares) hit by flooding.

China has about 296 million acres (120 million hectares) of arable land.

Yang said 2.2 million people in the interior provinces of Hubei and Anhui are having difficulty getting water to drink. In coastal Jiangsu province, 5 million people have been mobilised to expand canals and irrigation systems.

"It's bad that the drought is hitting the country's major grain producers at the key season for crop growing," he said.

He said irrigation is difficult because many rivers and reservoirs are drying up. The Yellow River had hardly any flow over a 10-day period earlier this month and water in the Yangtze River is down about 20 per cent, he said.

29 missing as submarine hits boat

TOKYO, July 23. (UPI): A Japanese submarine returning to port after a naval parade rammed a fishing boat with 48 people aboard today, sinking the boat and leaving 29 fishermen missing, Japanese Maritime Safety Agency said.

The 2,200-ton submarine, the Naishio, hit the 150-ton Daiichi Fuji Maru near the port of Yokosuka, 40 km south of Tokyo, an agency spokesman said.

The boat immediately sank about 3 km from the coast. Nineteen survivors from the fishing boat were rescued from the calm waters at the mouth of Tokyo Bay, some picked up by the same submarine that sank their ship, the spokesman said.

The submarine was not damaged in the collision, he said. Several helicopters and naval ships joined in the search for the missing crew members.

The fishing boat had left Tokyo for Osaka.

The Yuushio-class submarine was returning to port from an anti-submarine show put on by Japan's maritime self-defence force and to which members of the press had been invited.

Television reports from helicopters in the area showed the submarine surfaced with two life rafts on its deck and several crew members looking for survivors.

Shuichi Higashima, the chief of staff of Japan's Navy, the maritime self-defence force, bowed and apologised for the accident at a televised news conference.

Tunisia pardons prisoners

TUNIS, July 23. (AP): President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali has granted pardons to 932 prisoners, including 180 men charged with political crimes, the official Tunisian news agency reported.

The pardons were granted to mark Eid Al Adha, the religious feast that follows the end of the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah, and the anniversary of Tunisia's declaration of independence, to be celebrated Sunday and Monday, TAP reported.

Pardons were granted to people convicted in nine separate political affairs, but did not include a group accused last November by Interior Minister Habib Ammar of plotting terrorist actions.

It also did not include a "hard core" of people convicted of membership in the pro-Iranian fundamentalist Islamic Tendency Movement, said TAP. It was not disclosed how many movement members remained jailed.

Ben Ali has pardoned nearly 5,000 people, including many Muslim fundamentalists, since he took power Nov 7 in a bloodless palace coup that ousted President Habib Bourguiba.

TAP said the pardons were "equivalent to a general amnesty" and did not "exclude anyone based on politics or ideology."

Islands dispute main hurdle in Japan-Soviet ties

MOSCOW, July 23. (AP): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has told former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone that Japan's alliance with the West has blocked return of four disputed islands under Soviet control since World War II.

The position taken by Gorbachev reiterated Kremlin's policy on the northern territories and stonewalled, what Tokyo considers the main obstacle to improved relations with Moscow, a Japanese official said.

The Soviet Union occupied four islands off northern Japan at the end of World War II and the dispute over the territory has prevented them from concluding a peace treaty for 43 years.

Despite the impasse, Nakasone was pleased with the official part of his visit that began here on Wednesday, according to a government official who declined to be identified.

The official said the visit allowed the issue to be brought before the Soviet public. "We didn't find anything particularly new in the messages sent by the Soviet side," said the official, who was present at the meeting between Gorbachev and Nakasone. "But what was more interesting was the extent to which we were able to penetrate

our message to the Soviet side."

Nakasone gave an address at the Soviet Institute of World Economy and International Relations and gave an interview to Soviet television, taking both opportunities to raise the territorial dispute.

Nakasone told Gorbachev that the southernmost Kirill islands were occupied illegally by former dictator Josef Stalin, and argued that as part of the process of correcting past wrongs committed by Stalin, the territory should be returned to Japan.

In a 1956 joint declaration between the two nations, the Soviet government announced its willingness to return two of the islands upon conclusion of a peace treaty to officially note the end of World War II.

But Gorbachev reminded Nakasone that the Kremlin had amended that position in 1960 "because Japan decided to conclude a new security arrangement with the United States," the official said, paraphrasing Gorbachev's explanation.

Nakasone extended an invitation to Gorbachev to visit Japan, and the two sides agreed to make plans for such a trip as soon as possible, the official said. No specific time for the visit was identified.

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Afforestation efforts weak: Sheikh Ibrahim

THE chairman of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij, said that at least 17,000 hectares of desert land in Kuwait are good for cultivation.

He commented that present efforts for cultivation and afforestation in Kuwait were weak and inappropriate with the scope of the ambitions of the state for undertaking planting in the country.

Water

He stressed that all types of water in Kuwait is good for agricultural purposes except those of industrial residues. He added that about 27 million gallons of water are daily available for afforestation projects in the country.

Sheikh Ibrahim pointed out that there are 101 public gardens in Kuwait and that trees have been planted along 140 streets making a length of 256

kilometres in addition to six motorways with a distance of 74 kilometres.

Sheikh Ibrahim said that a number of afforestation and plantation projects will be carried out within the next two years. A temporary afforestation plan was worked out for the years from 88-90 at an estimated cost of KD19 million, he added.

Strategy

He disclosed that this temporary two-year plan will be followed by a major national afforestation and plantation plan covering the period from 1990-2005 and will be in the form of a strategy for plantation in Kuwait. He expected the plan to be ready by next year.

A co-ordination office has been set up and began work this month by co-ordinating with all parties involved in the afforestation plan, he said.



Sheikh Ibrahim

Sheikh Ibrahim said the authority will hold a plantation week to attract the attention of the various sides and sectors, including the general public on the

importance of plantation in Kuwait.

He added that over KD1 million will be spent in the coming two years on the scheme and that 23 new public gardens will be built within the coming two years which would cover a green area of over 900,000 sq. metres.

Scheme

Sheikh Ibrahim disclosed that studies are underway to establish four major national parks and three smaller area parks in the near future.

He indicated that a budget of KD19.08 million has been set aside for landscaping projects during 1988-90.

The official, however, complained that current efforts at landscaping are still weak and called upon local individuals, sports clubs and public welfare societies to exert more effort and exhibit self-reliance in this connection.

Eid greetings

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to HH the Amir on the occasion of Eid Al Adha.

The Crown Prince wished the Amir many happy returns and prayed to the Almighty Allah for more glory for this beloved country, under the Amir's wise leadership.

In a reply cable, the Amir thanked Sheikh Saad for his kind gesture, wishing him health and many happy returns.

Sheikh Saad expressed a cable of congratulations from Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Sheikh Sabah expressed thanks and appreciation for Sheikh Saad's efforts during his recent visit to the US.

Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah also exchanged cables of congratulations with heads of state and government of friendly states on the occasion of Eid Al Adha.

Sheikh Saad received cables on the occasion from a number of Arab and Muslim personalities and from ordinary citizens in and outside Kuwait.

Reciprocating, Sheikh Saad thanked his well-wishers, praying to the Almighty that the auspicious occasion will bring welfare, dignity and prosperity to the Arab and Muslim nation.

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Amiri cable

H.H. the Amir yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on the occasion of his country's national day.

Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday sent a congratulatory cable to President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt on the country's national day.

His Highness also sent a similar cable of congratulations to Egyptian Prime Minister Dr. Atef Sidki on the occasion.

14,377 people from Kuwait performing haj

KUWAIT'S Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khaled Al Jassar has said that 14,377 people from Kuwait are performing haj this year.

Al Jassar praised Saudi Arabia's efforts to ensure security and safety during haj.

He expressed happiness over the fact that haj this year coincided with the acceptance of ceasefire by Iran in its war with Iraq. He told a Kuwaiti daily that the Gulf war brought nothing but destruction and loss of life.

Issued

Al Jassar also said that to date the ministry has issued 15 parts of the Islamic Encyclopedia, whilst the 16th part is currently being printed. He added that only eight parts of the encyclopedia remained. He denied, however, that the ministry planned to prepare a television programme about the encyclopedia, claiming that this would be an unproductive exercise.

Al Jassar pointed out that the ministry's work extended to Islamic countries in Africa and Asia and to Islamic minorities in other countries. The ministry has sent 200 teachers of Islam to these places and has translated books printed by the African Muslims Committee into 50 different languages.

Kuwait also builds mosques, schools and orphanages in needy Islamic countries. The relief committee of the ministry sends large quantities of foodstuffs and

other necessities to several countries in Africa, such as Sudan, Eritrea and Chad and has also sent relief to Lebanon on several occasions.

Supporting

In his capacity as its chairman, Al Jassar stated that Zakat House is now supporting and sponsoring about 14,000 orphans in the world. The house also distributes about 5,000 head of sheep to poor Muslims in several countries during Eid Al Adha every year.

He further noted that the ministry welcomed graduates of the Faculty of Sharia at Kuwait University who want to work as imams in mosques, but added that, in keeping with Islamic instructions, women were employed in Quranic schools only and were not accepted for places in the ministry.

Appeal turned down

THE Court of Cassation has upheld a judgement of the Criminal Court, which was supported by the Court of Higher Appeal, to sentence two men to five years each in jail for homosexuality.

The two were accused of luring a teenage boy to an apartment they had rented specifically for the purpose of practising their deviation, holding him hostage there and sexually assaulting him under threat of death.

Fishing competition



A FISHING competition was organised yesterday by Kuwait's Sea Sports Club to mark the third diving anniversary. Among 37 participants, Najl Zaki won the first place with a catch of 10.5 kg fish, Ali Al Saad was second with 9.75 kg and Naser Abdullah was third with 8.5 kg.

Health hazards

DR ABDUL RAHMAN ABU EISH has warned that weather conditions during the summer can be injurious to the health and cited specific hazards.

Diabetics, he said, should be particularly careful, since raised blood pressure could be dangerous to them.

Certain other conditions are more prevalent in the summer, due to high temperatures, humidity and dust.

Most people are forced to use air-conditioning, which though not bad in itself, could cause chills or shock to the bodily systems when operated at temperatures too much in contrast to the heat outdoors.

Dr Abdul Rahman advised people to have their air-conditioning set at moderate temperatures. He also pointed out that lung and nasal complaints were common at this time and that allergies were also aggravated by dust.

Sunstroke, which is caused by long exposure to the heat of the sun, was noted as particularly dangerous.

Sewage water does not pollute sea water

THE director of the environment department at the Ministry of Public Health, Ibrahim Hadi, denied that sea water is polluted by the infiltration of sewage water.

However, he admitted that this occurs very rarely due to construction works leading to transfer of sewage water to sea after the sewage network has been closed.

Breakdown

Hadi disclosed that the ministry repairs and maintains sewage networks and pumping stations as soon as there is any breakdown to avoid any pollution.

The environment protection department and environment protection council prevent swimming and using sea water in the area where sewage is poured in emergency cases, he said.

The official said that sea water is continuously renewed because of tide and waves which prevents any pollution. Further, the sewage poured is 500 metres out at sea he added.

He pointed out that his department takes part in the informational campaigns to plant trees and provide greenery to the country and called for preservation of trees and natural plants.

Hadi said that the ministry has

three stations to measure air pollution in the country round the clock. Information obtained is fed into computer every five minutes. He said the rate of pollution is normal.

Committee

He pointed out that a joint committee consisting of representatives of Ministries of Oil, Public Works and Public Health, KISR, Kuwait Municipality and Environment Protection Council was set up to study the gases emitted from car exhausts.

The committee is studying methods to produce benzene free of lead, including authorising police patrols to inspect any car to prevent pollution, he added.

Vandalism on the wane

A TECHNICAL source at National Housing Authority (NHA) has been quoted as saying that the wave of vandalism which has struck residential areas is on the wane.

Speaking to a local daily, the source called on all citizens to make every effort in preserving utilities in their respective areas.

Consumption of water very high

PER CAPITA water consumption in Kuwait is one of the highest in the world, officials at the Ministry of Electricity and Water have said.

They disclosed that average individual consumption of water jumped from 4,562 gallons a year in the 1950s to 21,809 gallons a year in the 1980s.

Water consumption has increased 70 times during the last 30 years they added.

The authorities disclosed that Kuwait had gained significant experience in distilling sea water to meet its local needs. Previously, Kuwait depended on Shatt Al Arab and a few underground water wells for its water.

Medical emergency department

THE Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razaak approved a decision last week to establish a department for medical emergency.

The new department will be specialised in planning, developing and supervising the urgent medical services and training emergency staff and will be supervised by the assistant undersecretary for technical affairs.

The ambulance control training section and information office will be run by the new department.

The minister appointed Dr Mohammed Al Manie as director of the new department and Dr Mohammed Al Sharhan as his deputy.

Deployment of UN observers urged

THE daily Al Rai Al Aam yesterday urged rapid deployment of military observers along the war front between Iraq and Iran.

The newspaper, editorially commenting on Iran's acceptance of the UN Security Council Resolution 598, stressed the importance of intensive international and regional efforts to ease the Gulf tension and take advantage of the latest Iranian move.

It would not serve the cause of peace if the eight-year-old conflict was discarded and human casualties and material losses ignored, the paper stressed.

Ceasefire between the two belligerents is merely a primary step in the longer process, it indicated, pointing out that some "ambiguity" in Iran's stance impedes Iraqi leaders to cautiously deal with the Iranian move, calling for further adequate guarantees for cessation of war and establishment of peace.

Taxis become more popular



Taxis waiting for passengers

STATISTICS have revealed that 33 per cent of Kuwait's population use pick-ups and taxi cabs for their daily transportation, the latter having become more popular since the Public Transport Department placed restrictions on pick-up drivers.

A local daily newspaper interviewed both taxi owners and passengers, who gave voice to particular grievances.

Abdullah Awad, a taxi owner

and driver who has been in the business for 13 years, said that there was strong competition with transport companies and pick-ups, which necessitated low fares for long distances. He also pointed out that traffic policemen were not co-operative with taxi drivers.

Abd Al Ojaimi, another taxi owner, said he felt that the meter system was unfair to passengers and would cause problems. He

added that taxi drivers were faced with heavy rush-hour business and sometimes could not park at designated stops to pick up passengers because of the volume of other traffic.

Preferable

Passengers, on the other hand, complained that taxis were not well distributed and charged high fares, but were preferable to the alternative of long waits for hot, crowded buses.

Haj reaches orderly climax

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was the root of their problems.

Tomorrow Muslims will slaughter millions of sheep, goats and cows to mark the beginning of the three-day Eid Al Adha marking the end of the pilgrimage.

Pilgrims, who were provided with water to counter the effects of 42-degree Celsius (108°F) heat, prayed until sundown on the slopes of Mount Arafat today.

Sunstroke and dehydration are among the main causes of deaths during the haj, especially among elderly who sometimes also fast all day to atone for sins. From Mount Arafat, the pilgrims headed after sunset for nearby Muzdalifa to collect stones to throw at three monuments representing Satan.

Official statistics show that 762,755 pilgrims, 41 per cent of them women, came from outside the kingdom to perform the haj this year, compared with 926,350 last year.

There are about 1,000

American Muslims among the pilgrims at Makkah this year, according to estimates by the US consulate in this Red Sea port city about 40 miles (65 kms) away from Makkah.

Riyadh introduced a new quota system of one pilgrim per 1,000 Muslims in each country to relieve congestion while work is underway to expand the capacity of the holy sites.

Pilgrims contacted by telephone said there was no sign of any trouble at the holy sites this year.

Several residents in the Makkah area also corroborated the Saudi official statements.

A member of Bahrain's official pilgrimage delegation, Hassan Ali said that "the Saudi denial springs from the reality of the situation."

"Our delegation was on the roof of the Grand Mosque from which we could see every area around, and there was nothing at all of the sort," he said. "Never, never. It is all fabrication."

A Saudi Arabian newspaper editor, who did not want his

name to be used, said that the haj this year was proceeding "with unprecedented ease."

Gen. Abdullah Abdel Rahman Al Sheikh, director-general of Saudi security, said the pilgrims' ascent to Arafat had been undertaken "in record time." He said there were "no incidents."

Prince Majed, governor of Makkah, issued a statement to the radio hailing the "success" of the haj rituals.

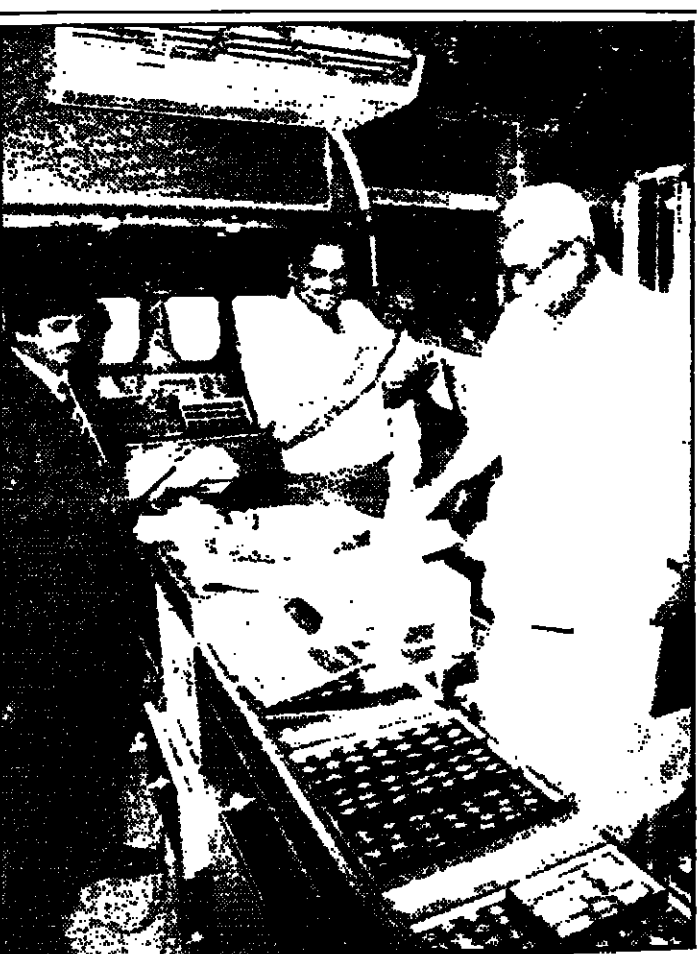
Thirty million bags of cold water were being distributed among pilgrims this year as a gift from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

Treated

Medical centres in Mina reported yesterday receiving a number of sunstroke and heat exhaustion cases, most of them were treated within few hours.

The representatives of the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments distributed umbrellas free of charge to the pilgrims.

The Saudi government inaugurated this year a 210-bed hospital in Mina.



The Indian Ambassador to Kuwait N.N. Jha, recently inaugurated the new premises of the Fashion Jewellers in Murghab.

EVENTS

BBC's Pashto programme popular

ON Sunday evenings, many of the 3.5 million Afghan refugees in northwest Pakistan, their hosts and other radio listeners in Afghanistan itself as well as India, Iran and the Gulf, tune in to "Roghe Sate" ("Good Health").

This award-winning series, produced in drama form by the BBC's 36 foreign language services, Pashto, has been enjoying a rerun and the latest audience research shows that 80% of adult men in the refugee camps are among the BBC's estimated 1.5 million regular listeners.

So popular has the programme proved that the Save the Children Fund, the British-based charity that

established a clinic of British health workers inside guerrilla-held territory in Afghanistan and - first - suggested the programme, is about to distribute 15,000 copies of an illustrated book in Pashto to back it up.

Child mortality

"Doctors have told us that their tuberculosis patients who used to be very lax about continuing to take medication beyond three months, have been persuaded by the programme of the need to continue for nine months or more," said programme organiser Gordon Adam.

There were many requests for the series to be repeated. It has also given a boost to the

newer evening broadcasts, now supplementing the morning ones.

Series writer Colin Alford, who for six months worked with the Health Unlimited agency in Afghan guerrilla strongholds, set it in an imaginary village, Daseesville, where regular characters include a newly qualified health worker, his mother and an uncle.

Each week the story focuses on a different health problem ranging from diarrhoea to pregnancy - Afghanistan has the world's highest child mortality rate - burns, wounds and chest infections. Taking local conditions into consideration, the series gives advice on what to do when no doctor or health care worker is available to help.

Programme coordinator Gauhhar Rahman Gauhhar, who adapted and translated the 15-minute scripts, encountered several problems including differences in Pashto dialects that could lead to misinterpretations. There was also some difficulty in finding Pashto-speaking actors.

The programme is the first of the BBC's foreign services to win a Sony Radio Award. Presenting it, the Sony judges said the series was "imaginative, well intended and compelling." Now the Pashto team is planning a follow-up series about mental and physical disabilities.

Said Mr Gauhhar: "These health problems are worldwide and other sections of the BBC External Services have shown interest in adapting 'Roghe Sate' for their own parts of the world."



The Deputy Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Algerian Ambassador El Hasnaoui Khaldi hosted last week a farewell party for three ambassadors who are leaving Kuwait this month. Pictured above are Khaldi and the three departing diplomats (from right): Marcel Laugel of France, David McCracken of Canada and Austrian envoy Dr Wolfgang Steininger.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Rambo III
Starring: Sylvester Stallone
Al Sahliya
Al Jazira Theatre
performance for Eid
Al Jabra
Steel Dawn
Drive-In
Aadiah Al Shaitan
(Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Shariff, Farid Shawki
Al Firdous
Aakhri Adalat (Hindi)
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Dimple Kapadia, Jackie Shroff

Fahad Open Air
Zalzala (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra, Kimi Katkar
Al Fahad
Ninja Warriors
Al Jabra
Revenge
Granada
Action Jackson
Salaabikhat
My Lucky Stars
Al Jeeb
Cheppu (Malayalam)
Almadi Drive-In
Laila Al Kabd Ala Bakaiza
Wa Zaghoul (Arabic)

MONDAY
Fahad Open-Air
Mardon Wali Baat (Hindi)
Al Fahad
Ninja Warriors
Al Jabra
Mission Terminates
Granada
Cherry 2000
Salaabikhat
Delta Force Commando
Al Jeeb
Awara (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Laila Al Kabd Ala Bakaiza
Wa Zaghoul (Arabic)

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Salem Pharmacy
nr. Sheraton, Fahad Al Salem St.
Al Mojil Pharmacy
Mojil Bldg., Mubarak Al Kabir St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Firdous Pharmacy
Beirut St.
Salmiya and Rumaitiya
Sahara Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Sheba Pharmacy
Late Sheikh Ahmad Bldg., F'heel
Jeeb Al Shiyoohk
Al Hasawi Pharmacy
Block 2, Main St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

MONDAY
Kuwait
Al Madinah Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Al Shakiya Pharmacy
KPTC Bldg., Hilali St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Saad Pharmacy
Othman St., Nagra
Salmiya and Rumaitiya
Al Fida Pharmacy
Ahmad Jarallah Bldg., Khansa St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Ittihad Pharmacy
Makkah St., F'heel
Jeeb Al Shiyoohk
Palestine Pharmacy
Munira Obaid Al Rajai Bldg., Main St.
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
opp. Cooperative Society

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.33 am
Zuhr 11.54
Asr 3.30 pm
Maghreb 6.45
Isha 8.12

MONDAY
Fajr 3.34 am
Zuhr 11.54
Asr 3.30 pm
Maghreb 6.44
Isha 8.12

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BBC World Services

0000 World News
05 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsworld
30 3rd Play of the Week: Quartermaine's Terms; 10th and 17th Great British Concert Hall; 31st Bernstein: Conductor and Composer
0100 News Summary (ex 3rd) followed by Play of the Week: 3rd Quartermaine's Terms cont.; 10th and 17th La Poste - Parts 1 and 2; 31st Prometheus Bound
0200 World News
05 British Press Review
15 The Third Policeman (ex 3rd Sports world; 10th Midnight Express
30 The Ken Bruce Show
0300 World News
05 News about Britain
09 From Our Own Correspondent
15 A Word in Edgeways
0400 Newsdesk
30 Glyndebourne - The Early

RADIO PROGRAMMES

Years (ex 3rd The Music of Weber)
45 Reflections
50 Financial News
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 The A-Z of Hollywood
45 Letter from America
0600 Newsdesk
30 Jazz for the Asking
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From Our Own Correspondent
45 Words (ex 3rd Sportsworld)
50 Waveguide (ex 3rd)
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 The Pleasure's Yours
0900 World News
05 British Press Review
15 Science in Action
45 A Life at the UN (ex 3rd and 10th The Bishops Come to Lambeth)
1000 News Summary followed by

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Cartoons: Space Adventure
10.00 News followed by variety entertainment
10.30 Al Houla Wal Sanavar: Arabic play for children, featuring Khalifa Omar Khalifa Hind Ahmed
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
1.35 Eidkum Mubarak
2.50 Al Kinah: Arabic serial: Part One. Starring: Abdullah Ghaith, Athar Al Hakim, Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Aida Abdul Aziz.
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoon serial
4.00 News Summary
4.20 English feature film on Lassie's adventures.



Miami Vice will be shown on KTV 2

6.00 Al Jawharah: children's serial, starring Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Mohammad Dafarawi, Wafa Shihab, Huda Essa.
7.10 You and Your Health
7.30 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nab: poetry session
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: And the Arab Said... Arabic serial.
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Eid Greeting: HH the Amir receives citizens who will wish him on Eid.
11.30 Bint Al Basha Al Wazir: Arabic film, starring Yahya Shalhin, Shwekar, Jamil Rabe, Sabirin, Zahrat Al Ula.
1.00 News Summary: World News via Satellite/Closedown

MONDAY

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons: Space Adventures
10.30 Hercules in New York: English feature film, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
2.50 Al Kinah (The Mask): Arabic serial. Part Two. Starring: Abdullah Ghaith, Athar Al Hakim, Abdul Munim Ibrahim, Aida Abdul Aziz.
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons
4.00 Binat Haratina: Arabic feature film, starring Basi, Ilham, Shahin, Dalal Abdul Aziz, Ahmad Badr, Mimi Jamal.

5.30 Tao Tao: cartoons
6.00 Mama Anisa and Children
7.20 Alwan: hosted by Rolah Al Farah...
8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: And the Arab Said... daily serial.
8.10 Quran and Science: "Alam Al Bahar." Prepared and presented by Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim.
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Special programme on Kuwaiti students in US.
11.15 Al Marat Hadidiya: Arabic feature film, starring Najla Fathi, Farouk, Fishawi, Yusuf Shaban, Salah Qabil.
12.15 News Summary: Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Cartoons
6.30 Time Flyer: children's film. A child, fascinated by flying, travels in time to help a pilot in distress.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Special Variety Show: pop music from UK and US.
9.10 The Flying Doctors: Australian series about a group of doctors working in the outback.
10.00 David Copperfield: US illusionist Copperfield performs amazing feats of making objects disappear.
10.30 Late Night Feature Film: "China Hand." Starring: David Soul, Lisa Lu.



Hayat Al Fahad plays a leading role in a locally produced drama, Ard Wakat, to be screened on Monday.

Julia Nixon, Jack Kong and his friend, Harris, tries to find him despite great odds.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Galiar: cartoons
6.30 J.O.E. and the Colonel: children's film about three genetic engineers who create a superhero fighter but are unable to control his activities.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Special variety show featuring latest sounds from Europe.

9.10 Miami Vice: "Lombard." The police are unable to find evidence to pin down a businessman-smuggler.
10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Killer Takes All." Two women in an old people's home plan to escape...
10.30 Killer Fish: feature film, starring Lee Majors, James Francisco. Gangsters look for hidden loot.
11.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Kuwait Science Museum
The museum will be open to the public from 5 pm on the second and third day of Eid Al Adha. After Eid, it will be open every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Social
German-Speaking Cultural Association
The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Open-House on Eid

On the occasion of Eid Al Adha the Charge d'Affaires of Bangladesh Embassy Mohsin Ali Khan will hold an open-house on Sunday, July 24, from 6 to 8 pm, at his residence, House No. 185, Plot No. 43, Block No. 8 (near Hadi Clinic), Jabriya. (Tel: 5314737.) All Bangladeshis are welcome.

Eid Milan

The Pakistan Ambassador and officials of the embassy will hold Eid Milan for the Pakistan community on July 25, second day of Eid, from 10 am to 12 noon at the Chancery Bldg.

Summer Belle '88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle '88 contest on August 11 at the SS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Goncalves 3612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

Eid Prayers

The Bangladesh Association in Kuwait, will hold Eid prayers on Sunday at 5.30 am in Sabhan, in front of National Cleaning Company camp. All Bangladeshis are requested to attend.
Eid prayers will also be held by a group of Bangladeshis at the municipality barracks in Abbasiya at 6 am on Eid day.

IAC Ghazal Evening

The Indian Arts Circle (IAC) will hold a ghazal-cum-dance evening on July 28, Thursday, 7.30 pm, at the IAC, Funaites, to celebrate Eid Al Adha. All IAC members and their guests are welcome. For entry passes contact - 3904817.

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese - 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly - 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradiyil - 3422973.

YMCA

The YMCA will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena - 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am), 3712346 (pm) or Augustia 5746754 after 6 pm.

every Sunday night: seafood specialities offered on Wednesdays and a sumptuous buffet featured on Fridays. Entertainment provided by the Lords.

Dine in the Riccardo

Dine in the Riccardo restaurant to enjoy Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna Duo. Riccardo is closed on Fridays. The Hunt Room will offer an Eid lunch buffet on the first and second days of Eid Al Adha in addition to a la carte. A selection of meat and fish dishes will be offered for lunch and dinner. Entertainment is provided by the solo harpist, Harp Dreams. Le Tarbouche will offer lunch and dinner buffets featuring Arab cuisine during the Eid holidays.

At the Holiday Inn

Tropical melon delights are being promoted in various outlets at the hotel... Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also offered.

On Thursday, enjoy Oriental

music and food at the Oriental Night at the Al Andalus Supper Club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11.30 am to 3 pm, featuring games, gifts and lots of surprises.

At the Continental

The Gardenia will offer special dinner buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian specialities, during the Eid holidays.
The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

At the Ramada

El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.
The Take-Away counter, open daily from 4 pm to 11 pm.

offers a selection of Arabic

sandwiches and snacks. The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

At the Meridian

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. During the Eid holidays, the restaurant will offer special buffets featuring a selection of Arabic and European cuisine. Piano music will be provided.

Beat the summer heat with

cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

At the Hilton

Falaka restaurant opens for dinner only during Eid holidays, from 7.30 pm to midnight offering buffet dinner and music by Magnetic Band.
Special Eid lunch and dinner buffets are featured at La Palma open from 6 am to 1 am. Refreshments and cakes at La Patisserie between 8 am and 1 am.

SPORTS

14th Winners Cup

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

PBAK bowling tournament

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang.

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Kuwait's hotels are featuring a variety of international cuisine and Arabic dishes during Eid holidays.

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

IT is a great nuisance that knowledge can only be acquired by hard work — W. Somerset Maugham, English writer (1874-1965).

US policy in the Gulf

A key factor in Iran's peace move

By Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): US policy in the Gulf, including the threat of a large naval fleet, was a key factor in driving war-weary Iran to accept a UN peace order, according to American analysts.

Middle East and defence experts interviewed by Reuters backed State Department official Phyllis Oakley's assessment that Iran's step toward a ceasefire with Iraq was in part due to the success of a firm and consistent (US) policy.

Former Defence Secretary Harold Brown and others said Iran's recent war losses and domestic disarray played the major roles, but also that Tehran increasingly saw itself facing an overwhelming US presence in the Gulf.

"We in the United States always seem to see ourselves as the cause of everything. That isn't the case ... but the US presence had an effect," Brown told Reuters.

Improve
"The argument that we were there to improve the flow of oil is not true. We were there to support the Iraqis," said Shireen Hunter, a Middle East expert at the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

"Iranian leaders felt they could defeat Iraq in the long run, but not Iraq and the United States," she said.

The United States, which built up a fleet of nearly 30 warships in the region last year after President Reagan agreed to escort 11 refuelled tankers, says it will not reduce its presence until stability comes to the Gulf.

Brown, who headed the Pentagon under former President Jimmy Carter and is now a senior official at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, said the US protection of Gulf shipping, expanded this year to aid neutral vessels of all flags, had put extra pressure on Iran.

"I think we kind of stumbled into the Gulf in a big way last year for the wrong reasons," he

said. "We said it was to protect shipping, but it really was to keep Iran from winning and keep the Russians out."

"At first, we kind of bumbled around, using the wrong ships and hardware. But once we were on a more stable course, it clearly discouraged Iran in the sea war and encouraged Arab Gulf states that had been worried about the Iran arms deal."

Despite Iraq's call on Wednesday for face-to-face talks with Iran, some American analysts said they were not yet sure whether either side really wanted to end the eight-year-old conflict.

"I'm sure the fact that Washington was taking a more confrontational approach and would not leave the Gulf, and that public opinion in the United States was not changing, clearly influenced Iran," said Thomas Longstrech, a defence specialist with the private Federation of American Scientists.

"But my first reaction here is that it's not over yet," he added. "Other experts are saying Iraq now wants to push the war to settle it on more favourable terms. Iran also may be trying to buy time. Iran's manpower and money are now depleted, but in a long war of attrition, the bigger country almost always wins."

Downing
Brown questioned suggestions by the Iranian leadership that the July 3 downing of an Iranian airliner by a US Navy cruiser in the Gulf had prompted Iran's announcement that it was ready to accept a ceasefire.

"I think if it had any effect, it gave them an event on which to hang a move that had already been decided," he said.

Hunter said the United States must be careful to seek a stable relationship with Iran in the future despite long-time feuding.

"If they have learned that you can try to spread the revolution through conferences and other peaceful means instead of terrorism, we should accept that," she said. "It is as important to reward good behaviour as we have punished bad behaviour."

1988 — the year that peace broke out

World's hottest trouble spots cooling

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON, (Reuters): Nineteen eighty-eight appears to be shaping up as the year that peace broke out in some of the world's hottest trouble spots.

This week has seen dramatic improvements in prospects for ending the eight-year-long Iran-Iraq war and the 13-year-old conflict in Angola.

Only two months ago, the Soviet Union began to pull its forces out of Afghanistan, where they had been fighting Muslim rebels since 1979, after a four-power agreement was brokered by the United Nations in April.

And next week, Kampuchean factions will meet in Indonesia to try to set in train a settlement of the nine-year conflict in their homeland.

Western diplomats believe a common thread running through all these developments is a new Soviet foreign policy aimed at pulling Moscow and its

allies out of wars in the Third World and co-operation with other nations to settle regional disputes.

This policy has been called "new thinking" by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and is just one of the wide-ranging reforms that he has put into effect since he came to power in the Kremlin in 1985.

Reforms

Despite the optimistic signs, Western analysts said the various peace agreements, concluded or in prospect, would not necessarily end all fighting even if they were signed.

But the pullout of foreign forces, they said, would reduce the intensity of the warfare and its ability to spread into wider clashes that brought the superpowers indirectly into conflict and poisoned international relations.

In Afghanistan, for instance, the agreement between Moscow, Washington, Kabul and Islamabad is essentially to

remove the Soviet Army, leaving the leftist government and the Islamic guerrillas to slug it out until one of them wins.

A similar fate could be in store for Angola, where the Cuban-backed government is fighting South African-backed and US armed UNITA guerrillas.

The principles of an accord announced on Wednesday in Luanda, Pretoria, Havana and Washington call for the withdrawal of Cuban troops and the granting of independence to neighbouring Namibia by South Africa, but say nothing about UNITA.

Prospects

Better prospects appear in store in the Gulf, where it is the combatants themselves, and not just their foreign backers, who are keen to end an apparently unwinnable war, and where the question of who holds the reins of government is not in dispute.

The United Nations is now sending envoys to Iran and Iraq

to try to arrange a truce after Tehran announced on Monday that it accepted Security Council resolution 598, calling for a ceasefire. Baghdad had already accepted it.

The Kampuchean peace process is still at an early stage, although Vietnam has begun pulling out its 100,000 troops backing the Phnom Penh government against a guerrilla coalition and has pledged to withdraw them all by early 1990.

Expenses

Vietnam and seven other Southeast Asian countries will join the talks in Indonesia in a second phase.

According to Western analysts, it had become clear to Moscow by the early 1980's that involvement in Third World wars was a severe financial drain for little tangible benefit, but it needed Gorbachev to shift the policy.

The new line was spelled out by Foreign Minister Eduard

Shevardnadze to the Soviet diplomatic academy last year.

So as not to incur extra expenses while maintaining defence capacity and protecting foreign policy interests, he said, "we must seek ways to limit and reduce military rivalry, eliminate confrontational features in relations with other states, and suppress conflict and crisis situations."

Settlement of regional conflicts has become a key element in the new superpower détente, which itself is partly the result of the "new thinking".

Role

Thus at their Moscow summit at the end of May, Moscow and Washington jointly set Sept 29 as a target date for settling the Angola and Namibia problem.

"Soviet leaders can no longer escape the realisation that their central relations (with the United States) are endangered by their peripheral adventures," Sevryno

Bialer, an analyst at New York's Columbia University, wrote in a recent article.

Due to its direct involvement in Afghanistan and its strong economic and political leverage over Cuba and Vietnam, Moscow has been able to play a major role in the Afghan, Angolan and Kampuchean conflicts.

On the Iran-Iraq war, where its influence is less, the Kremlin did collaborate in passing resolution 598 in what diplomats said was a rare instance of co-operation among the five permanent members of the Security Council.

In addition to the new dovish Soviet policy, some Western analysts said another key factor had been the hawkish line of the US administration, which had supported the Afghan and UNITA guerrillas and supplied them with sophisticated weapons.

This had persuaded Moscow that no cheap victory could be achieved by its protégés, these analysts said.

Dukakis aims to shed liberal tag with upbeat message

By Michael Gelb

ATLANTA, (Reuters): Democrat Michael Dukakis hopes an upbeat political message aimed at middle-road voters will substitute for charisma and boost him to victory over Vice-President George Bush in the November presidential election. Aware that many Americans have come to view the Democratic candidate as too liberal and too pessimistic about the country's future, the 54-year-old Massachusetts governor has borrowed a leaf from President Reagan and fashioned a decidedly optimistic campaign message.

"Just as we Democrats believe that there are no limits to what each citizen can do so we believe there are no limits to what America can do," Dukakis said on Thursday in accepting his nomination as his party's presidential candidate.

Reagan, Bush and other Republicans have accused Dukakis of preaching "gloom and doom" on the campaign trail. But in his first televised address to the country, he issued a call to action and idealism.

Challenge
"It's time to raise our sights ... to recapture the spirit of energy and of confidence and of idealism that John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson inspired a generation ago," he said. "It's time to meet the challenge of the next American frontier."

Campaign issues director Christopher Edley said Dukakis, considered a bland and uninspiring speaker, deliberately avoided the temptation to merely recite a list of Reagan administration sins because he wanted to present a "positive" message that laid

out his own agenda.

But Bush, the certain Republican presidential nominee who will be anointed at his party's convention in New Orleans next month, has made clear that he will paint Dukakis as just another big-spending Democratic liberal.

Republican strategists believe Dukakis's newly-forged alliance with black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson can be used as evidence that the Democratic nominee's moderate rhetoric is an attempt to mask his liberal leanings.

Republican consultant Haley Barbour, in a television interview, said Jackson's convention speech on Tuesday night included "a litany of things on which he and Dukakis agree — a very liberal litany."

"I think that liberal message will come through more and more," he said.

Pejorative
The term liberal has become pejorative in American politics, with connotations of high spending, high taxes and deference to special interest fringe groups.

Jackson dominated the first two days of the Democratic convention — first with a highly-publicized unity news conference with Dukakis in which he was introduced ahead of vice-presidential candidate, Texas Senator Lloyd Bentsen, and later in a powerful sermon to the party parley.

Republicans are portraying the Democratic team as a three-headed monster in which Jackson, who is viewed as ultra-liberal and disliked by a large body of Americans, will have more clout than conservative Bentsen.

"It looks like you've got three

people running for two slots on the Democratic side," Larry Cobb, state campaign director for Bush in North Carolina, told Reuters in a typical Republican analysis.

Problem
Even some Democrats say Jackson could pose a problem if it appears his influence is excessive.

"Dukakis has a delicate line to walk," said Jody Powell, former press secretary to Democratic President Jimmy Carter. "He needs Jackson on board, but he doesn't need it to look like Jackson's driving the train."

Democratic leaders acknowledge they lost four of the last five presidential elections in part because mainstream voters believe the party cared more about narrow special interests than the problems of the average worker.

Senior campaign adviser Kirk O'Donnell told Reuters Dukakis aims to dispel that belief by "stressing that he recognizes the economic squeeze the average American feels."

On Thursday night, Dukakis said one of his top goals was an "America that will create good jobs at good wages for every citizen."

For the moment, Dukakis seems to have persuaded Americans that he is not a dangerous left winger.

An ABC News poll released just hours before Dukakis's convention address said that only 17 per cent of voters think the governor is too liberal, while 40 per cent say his ideology is just about right.

In addition, just 27 per cent of those polled believe Jackson has more influence than Dukakis over Democratic politics.

Jakarta basking in limelight

By Sid Astbury

JAKARTA, (UPI): The arrival of politicians from throughout Southeast Asia for next week's peace conference on Kampuchea seems further proof that Indonesia is emerging as a force to be reckoned with in international relations.

Not since the glory days of 1955 when the leaders of the developing world converged on Bandung for the Asia-Africa conference has Indonesia taken on a profile befitting its immense size and geopolitical importance. Sloughing off its latter-day insularity, the world's fifth most populous country is at last taking its rightful place in the community of nations.

Most significantly, 67-year-old President Suharto is finally overcoming the diffidence that for almost one quarter of a century has kept him off the world stage.

Suharto, whose winning smile hides an almost chronically shy persona, is just beginning what everyone expects will be his last five-year term at the head of this resource rich but cash poor country.

Those close to him say he would like to end it as a statesman of international and not just regional repute.

Progress
"From my reading of the President, he wants to project an image of a non-aligned country that has also made solid progress in the economic sphere," commented Dr Yuwono Sudarsono, dean of the political science faculty at the prestigious University of Indonesia.

Up until very recently, Indonesia has been known abroad as a friend of the West and a foe of communism that has had virtually nothing to say for itself in world forums beyond the usual Third World litany of poor is good, rich is bad.

"In terms of temperament, our president is not one to go to high-falutin' conferences," said Sudarsono. "He is not one to give fiery

speeches." Indeed, Suharto has not attended a meeting of the 101-member Non-Aligned Movement since the Lusaka summit in 1970.

But he would like the next summit to be held in Jakarta next year. And he would like to take over the chairmanship of the movement when Zimbabwe's three-year term expires in 1989.

Why? Part of the answer is that Suharto, a four-star general who rose to power through crushing a communist-inspired coup in 1965, wants to come out from behind the shadow that was cast over him when he eclipsed the larger-than-life Sukarno.

The father of the nation, golden-tongued Sukarno was also a founding member of the Non-Aligned Movement, the principles of which were laid down at the 1955 Asia-Africa conference in Bandung.

There is also an altruistic reason. Calling on Nicaragua to withdraw its candidature for the chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement, Foreign Minister Ali Alatas stated bluntly that Indonesia was the right country "to provide effective and credible leadership to the movement."

Non-Aligned
The contest between leftist Nicaragua and moderate Indonesia, a country that President Reagan lauded for being "genuinely non-aligned," during his 1986 visit to Bali, will be decided in September at a ministerial meeting in Cyprus.

Diplomats in Jakarta attest that there is a large body of support for Indonesia's suit, but acknowledge that wresting the prize will be difficult as it is the turn of a Latin American nation to head the movement.

But a successful meeting in Bogor next week could just tip the balance in Jakarta's favour.

Most of the credit for paving the way towards a political resolution of the nine-year-old conflict would go to Alatas, the hugely experienced diplomat who will be making Indonesia's case at the Cyprus meeting in September.



Argentina curious about US presidential campaign

By Julio Crespo

WASHINGTON: Argentine politicians visiting Washington frequently question me about the United States presidential campaign. Their curiosity is stimulated by the fact that next year we also elect a president in Argentina as well as congressmen, senators, and governors.

Our electoral system is in many ways similar to US's, now that Argentina has fully recovered its democratic traditions with an astounding vigour that is resisting the most serious economic crisis of our history. Yet there are striking differences.

In Argentina we also have primaries, and the candidates campaign everywhere. But we have nothing to compare to the long, drawn-out selection process that takes place in the US before the party conventions.

Argentine politicians are always asking about the nuts and bolts of political campaigning. Their observations, whether made seriously or in jest, always relate to the Argentine situation and are useful guideposts to the interests of Argentine readers and what needs to be explained back home.

Take, for example, Sen. Joseph Biden's withdrawal from the race after the revelation that, in a campaign ad, he had plagiarized a speech by British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock. Argentine politicians were interested more in the power of such an event to ruin Senator Biden's chances rather than in the event itself.

Argentines are also interested in the financial aspects of political campaigning in the US which from our perspective involve huge amounts of money. The activity of fund-raisers and the dependency of the candidates on their contributors are important topics.

The Gary Hart story, for instance, was followed closely when his candidacy collapsed amid

revelations of his affair with Donna Rice and as a consequence his money dried up, leaving the candidate near bankruptcy.

In covering the US campaign, I must introduce little-known or new personalities. In my first US campaign in 1984, Hart, Jesse Jackson, and Geraldine Ferraro were the most interesting personalities, as they represented elements of renewal who challenged established structures or customs.

I vividly recall my first meeting with Jesse Jackson, which took place in 1984, in a Baptist church in Washington, D.C. The brew of religious, racial, and political elements, together with his special style of oratory, was something completely new for me. I could neither understand it nor explain it without referring to the social background and history of this country.

Limelight

In 1988 the Rev. Jackson occupies the limelight more than ever, and the workings of his campaign continue to illuminate little-known aspects of American society.

In Argentina we have nothing like the relation between religion and politics that exists in the United States. Therefore Pat Robertson's candidacy was another centre of attention, and it required me to write about his television congregations and their political and economic strength.

Aside from the scandals that have lately engulfed some of the television evangelists, the phenomenon of televised prayers awakens the curiosity of my readers.

The personalities of the other candidates fit in better with the traditional mold of the political hopefuls in many countries, though there still are notable differences.

Argentines' interest in George Bush, Robert Dole, Michael Dukakis, Paul Simon, or Albert

Gore Jr has centred almost exclusively in their message and in the political forces they represent. In their cases I do not need to explain the political pull of religious groups or the rising self-awareness of great sectors of the black population.

As the conventions near and there is virtual certainty as to the presidential nominees of the two parties, the focus of Argentine interest turns naturally to how the victory of one candidate or the other can affect Argentine interests. Such an evaluation must be made at the time when relations between the two countries are the best they have ever been. The US government has warmly backed Argentine democracy, and all signs indicate that it will continue to do so, no matter who is elected president in our two countries.

But with respect to the economy, the steps taken by a new administration could seriously affect Argentina, where we are striving to increase exports in order to dig ourselves out of the debt crisis.

Nor would new subsidies for US agriculture be welcomed in Argentina, since American commodity exports compete with Argentine exports in the world market.

Of course, the US plays a large role in our major problem — the foreign debt. For the moment we can see no substantial differences in the attitudes of Republicans and Democrats with respect to this issue.

In any case the attitude of the US government has not been definitive nor clear in this matter, and it has helped only to stave off an impending crisis by providing bridge loans. As the unpayable debt grows and grows, it has become an ever expanding universe ready to collapse on us at any moment. Unfortunately, on this issue of vital importance, the US political campaign has been silent.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

By Jonathan Wolman

ATLANTA, (AP): What's the best thing about a political convention? Not the drama. Not the food. It's the shameless rhetoric. And all of it this week directed at one man. The man with one name. George.

Poor George, that toothache of a man, that hear-nothing, see-nothing, do-nothing vice-president. A man "too squeamish," it has now been said, "to bait his own hook."

George Bush is the target of this attention by virtue of the fact that he is to be nominated next month by the Republicans to run for president against Michael Dukakis, a Democrat about whom not one humorous thing has been said this week at his convention in Atlanta.

Rhetorical excess is political mischief-making with a serious design.

A convention to formally choose a party's presidential nominee provides a four-day televised platform where a party will lay its record before the public and present its hopes and plans for the future.

Doubt
On the less idealistic side, the TV time can also be used to instill public doubt in the opposition. So scorn has been heaped high as a score of prominent Democrats have taken their best shot at Bush.

Next month, the Republicans get to take on Dukakis at their convention. But for now, Bush will have to hope his spokeswoman was right when she said: "I don't think nastiness ever plays very well."

The Democrats are poking at Bush's vulnerabilities not so much with nastiness as with sarcasm and ridicule.

It began Monday night with the keynote speech, by the sharp-tongued Texas state treasurer, Ann Richards.

"For eight straight years, George Bush hasn't displayed

Shameless rhetoric at Atlantic convention

the slightest interest in anything we care about," she said.

Vice-presidents get appointed, and she alluded to that in her comments, saying "And now that he's after a job he can't get appointed to, he's like Columbus discovering America. He's found child care. He's found education."

On Tuesday, representative Tony Coelho got things started, followed by Sen. Edward Kennedy.

"I know it's not fair to criticize the vice-president behind his

back," Coelho said before proceeding to do just that. "He's fishing in Wyoming, all alone, except for Jim Baker." The treasury secretary is there, Coelho alleged, "in case George is too squeamish to bait his own hook."

Then Coelho began the "where was George?" routine that pokes at Bush's lack of identity in White House matters, including the sale of arms to Iran and a number of other scandals that have embarrassed President Ronald Reagan's administration.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1545 — French fleet leaves the Solent in England unscathed after a successful attack.
- 1704 — British capture Gibraltar during war of the Spanish succession.
- 1712 — Dutch are defeated by French at Denain, France, and join Anglo-French truce.
- 1799 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Turks at Aboukir in Egypt.
- 1847 — Convention of Gramido ends civil war in Portugal.
- 1850 — Schleswig-Holstein insurgents, whose territory was divided by peace of Berlin between Denmark and Prussia, are defeated at Issted.
- 1922 — League of Nations Council approves mandates for Palestine and Egypt.
- 1942 — British bombers devastate German cities of Frankfurt and Mannheim in World War II.
- 1946 — United States makes first underwater test of an atomic bomb off atoll of Bikini in Pacific Ocean.
- 1969 — US Apollo 11 astronauts, first men to walk on moon, splash down safely in Pacific Ocean.
- 1970 — Sultan Said of Muscat and Oman is overthrown by his son, who becomes Sultan Qabus.
- 1971 — State of emergency is declared in Sudan during government crisis.
- 1973 — Four men who hijacked Japan Airlines plane release the 137 occupants, then blow it up and are arrested in Libya.
- 1976 — US spacecraft Viking I lands on Mars and starts tests to determine whether life exists on the planet.
- 1977 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat orders his troops to observe immediate ceasefire in fighting with Libya.
- 1987 — Crew of Air Afrique airliner overpowers hijacker, identified as Lebanese, after he kills a passenger.

By Mohammad Saeed

BESIDES observance of the age-old practices of the Ibrahim days, the occasion, for the last 14 centuries, stands out as the anniversary of a great charter that the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) gave to mankind.

The two major Muslim festivals—Eid Al Fitr and Eid Al Adha, are fundamentally thanksgiving ceremonies after fulfilling two divine obligations. While the first rounds off, in prayer and rejoicing, the month of fasting, the second is the conclusion of the pilgrimage rituals. Though fasting, too, was enjoined upon earlier peoples and it was no innovation of Islam, the hajj, with all its accompanying ceremonies, dates back to a definite period. It originated with Prophet Ibrahim (A.S.). It is a long, continuous tradition — albeit corrupted for a short-while in pre-Islam days by ignorant and superstitious clergy. Islam cleansed it of pagan accretions and revived its original glory. How this glorious institution was initiated is a fascinating story worth recounting.

Nearly four thousand years ago, the valley of the Euphrates was ruled over by a godking, Nimrod. Two civilizations were contemporary to this Mesopotamian civilisation: one that of the Nile and the other that of the Ganges. The Pharaohs were ruling over the Nile Delta and

Eid Al Adha: more than a ritual

Maharaj Krishna was fighting this Mahabhrata, not far from the banks of the Jamna, a tributary of the Ganges. Two vices were the bane of these cultures: the deification of kings and human sacrifice.

Ibrahim revolted against the idolatrous creed of his people and this enraged the king as well as his own kinsmen who had monopolised the lucrative trade in idols. Ibrahim for his boldness was banished from his hometown — Ur. Roaming over the vast plains of the Fertile Crescent as a refugee, he was divinely assigned the task of building a house in the rocky wastes of the Hejaz to glorify the name of the One True God. This was the place where a few years earlier he had lodged his wife Hajira and infant son, Ismail — a valley that was "unfilled and waterless". When the small provisions exhausted and no water was left with the family in wilderness, Hajira ran about over the two nearby hillocks hoping that this would give her a better view of the country around and she might find some trace of water. Meanwhile, the child had, by thumping his tender feet on the sand, released a reservoir of water that continues to flow ever since. The water attracted wandering nomads and trade

caravans and a township grew around it.

Ismail eventually grew into a well-built lad and the father returned from the distant land to which he had retired. One night, Ibrahim saw a vision that he slaughtered his son (in the way of God). He confided it to Ismail who readily agreed to be sacrificed. He even told the father to do what he had been ordained to. The Quran quotes the dialogue between father and son:

"O my son! I see in vision that I offer thee in sacrifice: Now see what is Thy view!" (The son) said: "O my father! Do as thou art commanded: If God so wills one Practising patience and Constancy."

But the actual act of slaughtering was divinely intervened: Ismail was saved and a voice rang "Ibrahim, verily you have fulfilled the vision." It was only a trial, nevertheless a glorious manifestation of total submission to God's Will. Here was something that was worthy to be invested with perpetuity among posterity. It was not a routine ritual? It was a lesson pregnant with far deeper meaning and message. It was the

highest mark man's faith in his Creator could touch. So, it was decreed that mankind from now onward shall, year after year, remind itself of the sublimity of the vent by gathering around this House and sacrificing animals.

Thus the primitive institutions of king worship and human sacrifice were abolished from amongst mankind.

Thereafter, Ibrahim was ordained to "proclaim the pilgrimage among men and was assured that:

"They will come To thee on foot and mounted On every kind of camel Lean on account of journeys Through deep and distant mountain highways".

Great Charter

Those who visit the holy land go through the whole exercise: they circumbulate the House Ibrahim and Ismail built; run between the remnant peaks of the two hillocks as Hajira ran; go to the valley of Mina and sacrifice animals as Ibrahim did. Those who remain at home from the luxuriant Pacific islands to the deep West on the Atlantic coast join them in sacrifice. And thus the whole Ummah is unified contemporaneously as a brotherhood and in history as the upholder of a magnificent tradition. The festival is both antique and modern.

Besides the observance of the age-old practices of the Ibrahim days, the occasion, for the last 14 centuries, stands out as the anniversary of a great charter that the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) gave to mankind. Speaking from the top of Mount Mercy (Jabal-Rahmat) to a vast concourse of his companions — and this was his last sermon — he declared:

"O people, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether, after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and take these words to those who could not be present here today.

"O people, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your Lord, and that He will indeed reckon your deeds.

"Allah has forbidden you to take usury, therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.

"O people, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Treat your women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friend with any one of whom you do not approve. As well as never to commit adultery.

"O people, listen to me in earnest; worship Allah; say your five daily prayers, fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth to Zakat. Perform hajj if you can afford to. You know that every Muslim is the brother of another Muslim. You are all equal. Nobody has superiority over another except by piety and good action. Remember,

one day you will appear before Allah and answer for your deeds. No Arab is superior to non-Arab and a non-Arab is superior to a black. All are Adam's progeny. And Adam was created from clay. So beware, do not stray from the path of righteousness after I am gone.

"O people, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason, well, therefore O people, and understand my word which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the Qur'an and my example, the sunnah, and if you follow these you will never go astray.

"All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to other and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Bemy witness O Allah, that I have conveyed Your Message to Your people."

Ever since this turning point in human thought, this announcement has proved the

mother-charter of all documents enshrining man's fundamental rights. It has demolished the colour-bar and has placed one man on equal footing with the other. It has declared that economic exploitation invites God's wrath. It has declared man's life and property sacred. It has made man answerable to his Creator. And thus, added a sacred dimension to man's affairs on this planet.

Celebrations

An occasion thus sanctified deserves to be celebrated with all devotion and solemnity. And the Muslims by so doing all over the world derive a legitimate pride and pleasure out of it. They pray in congregations on this day and distribute the sacrificial meat among friends and neighbours and among the poor, cementing thus the oneness of the Muslim brotherhood. Even the colossal amount of flesh that earlier went mostly unconsumed at Mina is now air-lifted to the needy among the Muslim Ummah like Afghan refugees and the communities in Sudan, Somaliland and elsewhere. Let alone the spiritual pleasure — which may be an individual experience — the festival in its worldly gaiety is shared by all.



A trader awaits customers

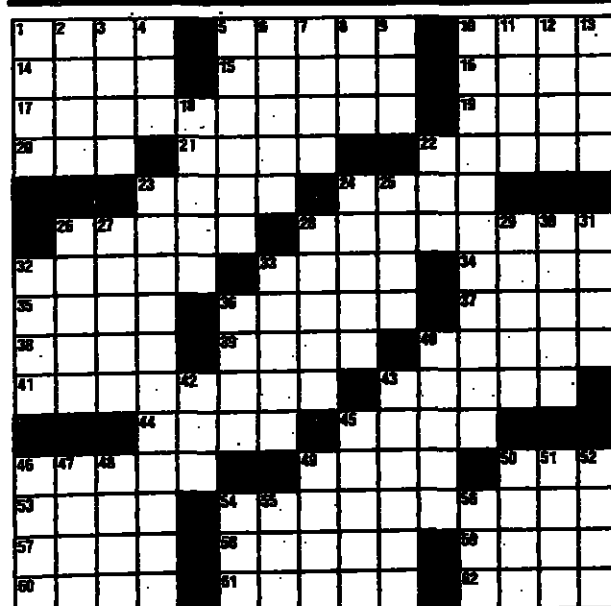


Customers assess sheep



Traditional sacrifice is an important part of Eid.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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| ACROSS | DOWN | |
| 1 Office copy, for short | 1 Gaffey word | 27 Military locations |
| 5 Monument | 2 Lacking conveyance | 28 Lacking emotion |
| 10 Voucher for food | 3 Units of elec. | 29 Africa's — Coast |
| 14 Docile | 4 Earl Grey, for one | 30 Hawaiian geese |
| 15 Rhino's relative | 5 Move with confidence | 31 Small valise |
| 16 Strop | 6 Gambler's choice | 32 Among |
| 17 Former New England players? | 7 Poetic saga | 33 Mine openings |
| 19 Uncap. | 8 Illuminated | 34 Satisfy a thirst |
| 20 Quaint contraction | 9 Hestating sounds | 40 Certain vote |
| 21 Lubricates | 10 Church group leader | 43 Ranges |
| 22 Up and about | 11 Beer ingredient | 45 Herringlike fish |
| 23 Fishing gear | 12 Arrow poison | 46 Diminish speed |
| 24 Insulting remark | 13 Volunteer State: Abbr. | 47 Staff member |
| 26 The white poplar | 18 Instruments | 48 Give the once-over |
| 28 Taking a dip | 22 The "punch" in a planter's punch | 49 Totals |
| 32 Gather large amounts | 23 Build again | 50 Form of address: Sp. |
| 33 Basic unit of matter | 24 Took an oath | 51 In the know |
| 34 Declare | 25 Citrus fruit | 52 Ancient toiler |
| 35 Spar | 26 Rare violin | 54 Knock |
| 36 Like very much | | 55 Tokyo, once |
| 37 Sound: Comb. form | | 56 Flea |

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CHUB ASSET BETS
HERA STONE ENOL
IRAN PERSEPHONE
CONSPIRE EASED
HERE GURL
COHERE PURIFIES
ADEEM ERGO NNE
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PERPETRATE ELIA
SANE UNTIL RANT
OMER BASES SIES

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
A LITTLE STARDUST

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 9 2
♥ K 7 6 2
♦ A J 4 3
♣ A 4

WEST
♠ A J 8 5 3
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 10 9
♣ 7 5 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 7 6 4
♥ 3
♦ K 7 6 5 2
♣ Q 6

SOUTH
♠ Void
♥ A J 10 9 8
♦ Q 8
♣ K J 10 9 8 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 5 ♥ Pass
6 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♦
Sometimes the percentage play might not be good enough. On occasion, a slightly inferior line, combined with a bit of deception, might produce the desired result.

This hand was played in a national championship some 20 years ago. Sitting South was the late Sidney Silodor, not only one of the great players of his day, but a master psychologist. He reached six hearts via the auction shown. (We, too, would have opened the South hand

with one heart and continued with a "high reverse" after North's two-diamond response.) West found the lead of the ten of diamonds, striking at declarer's weak spot. How would you play the hand?

Silodor rose with dummy's ace of diamonds and dropped the queen from hand! He crossed to the ace of hearts and ran the jack. When that held, he drew the last trump and ran the club suit to make an overtrick.

Now Silodor knew full well that the percentage play in trumps, with a combined holding of nine cards in the suit, was to play for the drop of the queen. Why then did he finesse? Simply because that gave him a strong tactical edge. Suppose that the finesse had lost to East. Would that worthy have tried to cash the king of diamonds when South seemed to be out of that suit? We think not, and neither did Silodor. If not, declarer would have had ample time to set up his club suit for all the discards he needed from dummy to bring home his slam.

Now we are not suggesting that you give up a line which is a heavy favorite to indulge in some petty larceny. But here the difference between the drop and the finesse is only 52-48 percent, so Silodor's line rather tickles our fancy.



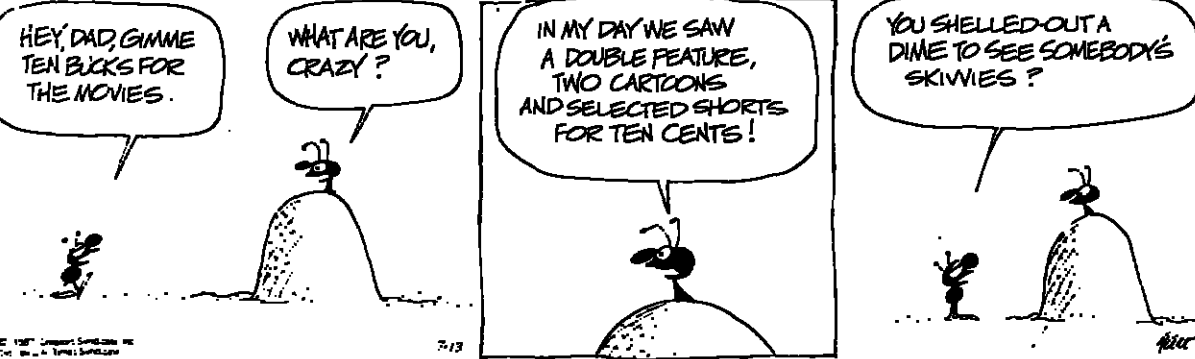
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>The Moon's favourable influence should make you be on your guard. You will have something to be pleased about but not too much. Avoid giving hostages to fortune. Be sensible.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You will have to have a little more patience. You will be able to have an interesting day, but you should listen as well as saying what you think. Do not allow your affairs to get into a muddle. Be prompt.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>The Sun's more favourable influence will help you to have a pleasant day. You should do your best to avoid getting into an argument. Do not be hostile to change but do not make changes just for the sake of them.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You should not be so keen to believe all you would like to believe. You should do your utmost not to alienate a friend of yours. Something you had feared might happen will not. Be reasonable.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>At first you will be a little unsure of yourself but later your old confidence will return. You should not promise more than you can easily fulfill. Stick to what is strictly practical. Be moderate.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>At first you will be rather in a poor mood but later you will see the bright side too. You may meet someone very much to your liking but do not give too much away too quickly. Do not think charm will get you everywhere.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>The Moon's better influence will help you to resolve an old problem. You will be able to do something towards patching up a quarrel which has run its course. You should consider an offer or proposal most carefully.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>There will be some ups and downs in your mood but you will be able to smooth them out. You will be able to make good progress with a personal project. Avoid doing anything that would harm your health. Be appreciative.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>The general situation is promising but you should not trust too much to luck. You should not retire quite so much into yourself. Do only what has to be done and then relax. Be attentive.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You should try to have a restful day without thinking too much of work. Do not think it is a waste of time to avoid getting into a muddle. Make sure you are not making a nuisance of yourself. Be a little more tolerant.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You should not spurn what could well be good advice. The Moon's less favourable influence will make you more subject to conflict and tension. You should not lose faith in yourself. Be generous.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You should not allow your resentments and jealousies to distort your objectivity. You should also make a greater effort to control your mood and temper. No harm in showing a little sympathy towards others. Be discreet.</p>

Businessman tells of bribes in government

A BUSINESSMAN told the Senate Blue Ribbon (fact-finding) Committee there was need to bribe people in "almost all government offices" to facilitate transactions.

Jesus Vergara, who organized a number of corporations for Herminio Disini's Herdis Group of Companies, said that on one occasion, he paid P10 million to a daughter-in-law of a bank official to get a big loan from a government bank.

Such admissions spiced up a public hearing of the committee investigating "behest" loans granted by the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP).

After Jose Tengco, former DBP vice-chairman, requested more time to study documents on loans received by Cellophil Resources Corp., the committee turned its questioning to Vergara, the only other witness for the day.

Vergara said he organized several Herdis corporations, particularly those dealing in machinery and other businesses he referred to as the industrial portion of Disini's group of companies.

Foundation set up to fight child abuse

QUEZON City Vice-Mayor Tito Sotto, chairman of the anti-drug abuse committee, said he has initiated the formation of the Anti-Child Abuse Foundation to bolster the city government's campaign against drug addiction.

Sotto said that the foundation, which will be headed by Ma Vic Simon, wife of QC Mayor Brigido Simon Jr., and Sotto's wife Helen Gamboa, will be funded by civic organizations and civic-spirited citizens.

The foundation, he said, will "check anything that will hamper the spiritual, emotional, and physical growth of the child."

Orphans, children abused by their parents, children who are victims of the anti-child labour law, and street children will be the beneficiaries of the foundation.

Sotto also said he has launched a search for the "Most Outstanding Youth Organisation (MOYO)" as another step to check drug addiction (FPP).

Rebel informer found beheaded

A TRADER tagged earlier by the military as a rebel informer was found beheaded in Hagatay, Bataan.

The head of Leopoldo Pangiban was found in front of a warehouse in Barangay Sta. Monica, while his body was found a kilometre away at the foot of a bridge in Barangay San Augustin.

Pangiban was the fourth person to be beheaded in the last couple of weeks.

Earlier, policemen found two heads at Horseshoe Drive in San Juan, Metro Manila. Later that day, the headless bodies of three unidentified men were found a few hundred metres away from each other in Fairview, Quezon City.

Sgt Rodolfo Desierto, desk officer of the Northern Police District, said the hands of the victims were tied behind their backs with electrical wire. Their bodies had stab wounds on the chests and backs.

He said the three, who had tattoos on their bodies, could have been killed because of gang rivalry.

Authorities urge control of 'jueteng'

CALAPAN, Oriental Mindoro — Civic and religious groups here have deplored the helplessness of government authorities to combat the "jueteng" which they blamed for the rampant graft and corruption among local officials.

"Illegal gambling makes thousands of bettors here poorer but makes the gambling lords and some local officials richer," a community leader said.

He said five "jueteng" joints are operating in the province with three of them based in this capital town.

He added that gambling operators have been religiously "paying their weekly dues" to a relative of a top government official so that their operations go unhampered.

Aquino to visit Brunei

THE government said recently that the mechanics for the implementation of the multi-billion-dollar multi-nation aid plan is now being worked out and President Aquino is likely to visit Brunei to promote the assistance package for the country.

At the same time, the President appealed to all sectors not to resort to violence as he called out the church and other groups to collaborate against human rights violations "to give a better life for our people."

Mrs Aquino reiterated that fairness remains the hallmark of her administration and that there will be "no fear of undue influence on government by a favoured few, and no favours to a favoured few either."

Appeal

In a talk with Malacanang newsmen, the President said that talks are underway on her possible visit to Brunei to promote the multi-nation mini-Marshall plan and to appeal for international support for it.

However, she said she has not yet received a formal invitation for a visit to Brunei.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus confirmed that a Brunei visit is being planned and may be made next month, adding that an invitation would only be a formality.

Manglapus was earlier quoted in Bangkok as saying that the President may ask for Brunei's participation in the \$10-billion aid package being worked out by the United States.

Likewise, Manglapus told newsmen that a multi-country committee will lay down the mechanics for the mini-Marshall plan.

He said that the committee which is now being formed will be composed of representatives from potential donor countries, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and the Philippines.

Manglapus pointed out that the committee will determine what scheme will be used. It will choose from several options including the World Bank mechanism and the later-Government Group on Indonesia (GGI) model.

"I gave her (the President) some reports on the polycrystalline plan. We are making some progress," Manglapus told newsmen.

Commenting on the pastoral letter of the Bishop Conference of the Philippines on alleged human rights violations, Mrs Aquino remarked: "This is



President Aquino with Aiza at Malacanang.

something we have to collaborate on — attack the problem at its roots."

She pointed out that the church group noted that the problem is a result of the 19-year-old insurgency.

"But I am also appealing once again to all not to resort to violence," Mrs Aquino said.

She pointed out that peaceful means should be used in resolving conflicts.

The President reiterated her administration's policy of fairness before a gathering of the movie industry people in Malacanang during which she was given the Golden Reel award for her help in curbing film piracy.

Mrs Aquino said that she will stick to her earlier pledge that no favours will be given by the

government to a favoured few as had happened in the past.

"That policy has its roots in our basic philosophy of justice, that people are entitled to the full compensation of their labours, and that it is the duty of the State to make sure that they get it," she stressed.

She pointed out that film piracy was a serious problem before because of government's favouritism for certain individuals and the practice of some groups to share the loot with government officials.

Light

Mrs Aquino said that such malpractice will no longer be tolerated.

The usual serious atmosphere in Malacanang changed that afternoon into a light mood, as the country's top movie stars

came to present the President with the Golden Reel award.

Departing from her serious meetings with top officials and foreign dignitaries, she met with Aiza Segura, the country's top child star.

"Gusto mo bang maging presidente paglaki mo?" Mrs Aquino asked Aiza.

"Mahirap p bang maging presidente," she asked back.

"Mahirap, pero mahirap din ang maging artista. Di pareho na lamang," the President answered.

"O, sign na po?" Aiza nodded and the President and the crowd burst into laughter.

Mrs Aquino took Aiza to the Guest House where she holds office, telling her, "So you'll know when you become the president."

The 51st state?

Trinidad Pardo de Tavera, Cayetano Arellano, Pedro Paterno, Leon Ma. Guerrero and Rafael Palma who all acquired key government positions. The present Federal Party fielded 70 official candidates nationwide during the 1984 elections for the Batasang Pambansa, all of whom lost. The failure of those who ran on the statehood platform was blamed on "well-entrenched nationalist self-serving politicians and the elite conniving with foreign multinational corporations who profit the most in an independent Philippine Republic by continuing economic control," as well as "the jealousies and fears of neighbouring countries at the progressive development of the Philippines as a state of the United States in Asia," and of course, the communists.

America never has and, very likely, never will welcome the prospect of having millions of instant little brown American brothers. In his opinion on the Treaty of Paris, US Supreme Court Justice Brown had noted that: "It is doubtful if Congress would ever assent to the annexation of territory upon the condition that its inhabitants, however foreign they may be to our habits, traditions and modes of life, shall become at once citizens of the United States."

As a colony of the United States, Filipinos were considered neither aliens nor citizens, but "nationals." The US Attorney General held that Filipinos were not aliens for they are not subject of and do not owe allegiance to any foreign sovereignty. Although they were not citizens, Filipinos "owe permanent allegiance to the United States, since they owe and can owe it to no other sovereignty." In a 1900 memorandum denying US citizenship to Filipino seamen, the State

Department declared that: "A man may be a citizen in one sense of the word, or from certain points of view, or for certain purposes, yet not in every sense nor for all purposes."

Felix Manalili, the present head of the Philippine Statehood USA Movement which shares office space at 103 E. Rodriguez Sr Avenue with a printing press and a law firm, foresees that the movement will continue to gain ground especially with the younger generation. The movement ardently believes that the Philippines' advantages as a military and economic (cheap English-speaking labour) haven would outweigh even such considerations as our massive foreign debt. They believe that by applying Article 6 of the US Constitution, our debts would be absorbed, paid or become US obligations through the US Federal Bank. Should statehood be granted, they modestly propose representation in the US Legislature by just two Filipino congressmen per region and only two senators. Some dreams just refuse to die.

1992 candidates considered

By Nick T. Enciso

SOME politicians eyeing the presidency in the 1992 elections appear indifferent to the merger of the PDP-Laban and Lakas ng Bansa into the Laban ng Demokratikong Filipino (LDF).

They believe that the organizers of the new party have a built-in advantage in the selection of candidates for the presidency, giving them no chance to bid for it — although they would not mind if President Aquino should run for re-election.

Danger

But with the President's repeated announcements that she would not run for re-election, they consider Speaker Ramon Mitra Jr. as the likely standard bearer — despite his insistence that he is not interested in the presidency and his expressed preference to have Mrs Aquino seek another term for the good of the country.

The participation of ranking government officials in the LDF is also regarded by them as a threat to their political leadership — for they face the danger of losing their following.

Local Government Secretary

Luis Santos, for example, has direct supervision over all local officials, from governors, board members, mayors, councilors to barrio councilmen. These officials have direct contact with the masses, dispensing political favours right there in the grassroots.

The active role played by the President's younger brother, Tarsac Rep. Jose Cojuangco Jr., in the organisation of LDF is considered a tremendous boost to the new party.

Not the blustering type of politician, he does things the slow but sure way. He is a seasoned politician, starting as a municipal councilor, then becoming a vice-mayor, mayor and finally as a three-term congressman. Moreover, the family is a closely knit one, so he can rely on his sister for support.

As head of the LDF, Mitra counts on the full support of most members of the House of Representatives, which is the wellspring of all monetary appropriation in the government.

In the Senate, the LDF stalwarts enjoy public respect and confidence, like Senators Nepali Gonzales, Alberto Romulo and

Heherson Alvarez to mention just three of the more outstanding ones.

A survey on the LDF was made among political bigwigs and some leaders in the private sector during the planning stage and the result was that 90 per cent of the governors and mayors overwhelmingly favoured the merger of the PDP-Laban and Lakas ng Bansa.

The respondents also observed that too many parties have been the reason for much confusion in the government — with the leadership easily pressured to make shortcuts and commit blunders.

But with the stage now set for the establishment of the two party system, it is expected that the respect and confidence of the citizenry in the country's political setup will be restored considering the long experience of the country with it.

It is predicted that once the LDF is fully organised, the other political parties will try to coalesce with either the majority or the opposition party.

It is expected, though, that many politicians will seek membership in the LDF as early as possible in order to get priority in the slot for elective posts.

Comic schizophrenia

By Nestor Cuartero

DON'T be surprised if, one of these days, you'll hear that Tessie Tomas is suffering from an acute case of split personality. At the rate this super-mimic changes personalities from serious to comic, from Meldita to Kris Anino (patterned after you know who), it seems so easy for Tessie to do just that.

In Sydney, Australia, last summer, stand-up comedienne Tessie admitted having had difficulty shaking off the Imelda Marcos character she played long after her scenes were shot. She said this was particularly true on days when critical sequences were taken.

She cried unabashedly for close to an hour after doing a particularly touching scene when Imelda had to face the Agra Commission investigating the assassination of Benigno Aquino. Another scene, which left her crying a river, was the Marcoses' departure from Malacanang that crucial February of 1986.

These scenes are among the highlights of "A Dangerous Life," a six-hour television movie produced by Australia's McElroy & McElroy Productions in co-operation with Home Box Office of America. Set to premiere worldwide in October, the movie chronicles events — both real and fictional — surrounding the four-day EDSA Revolution.

Tessie Tomas, the comedienne, playing Imelda Marcos in a heavy drama is a long way from camp to serious. It's as if the pendulum has swung to the other end, leaving the actress herself confused. Is Tessie taking a new acting route after this international picture? Or is she going to wallow in her successful formula of social satire which has seen her through superstardom?

The actress has mixed feelings about going seriously dramatic following "A Dangerous Life." In her own country, she is looked upon only as a comedienne. And a comedienne, sadly in the Philippine context, is as respectable as a clown.

Lure

However, she's thrilled by her director Robert Markovitz's invitation for her to pursue a career in Hollywood after the screening of "A Dangerous Life." Markovitz impressed upon the former advertising creative director the great chances Asian actors now enjoy in the world's film capital. Tessie mocks herself in Boni Buendia's thick Visayan accent (Boni's one of Tessie's 101 characters), squealing unbelievably: "Gagawin daw akong international actress, wow naman!"

She's not about to lose her head on that prospect, the reason why she's back to her favourite formula in a new production, "Let's Hirit Again, Tessie." The comedy opened last July 8 at Rizal Theatre with more stagings on July 15 and 16.

Yielding to the lure of "international stardom," Tessie, with Laurice Guillen, who plays Corazon Aquino in the same docu-drama, is leaving in September to promote the movie in Sydney, Los Angeles, and New York. Big media affairs in these places await the two Filipino actresses, together with foreign actors Gary Bussey and Rebecca Gilling.

She has much to thank Imelda Marcos for. It was Imelda's colourful life which inspired Tessie Tomas to create the now-famous character "Meldita" in 1986, a spoof on the former First Lady that served as her passport to unparalleled popularity on Manila's live entertainment scene. Meldita played almost a hundred times in Manila, Cebu, Davao, Bangkok, Los Angeles, and New York.

Tessie looks back to her few meetings with Mrs Marcos with fondness. "I even performed once during her birthday in Olot. She loves entertainment," she recalls. Like Imelda, Tessie is also Wary — from Catbalogan, Western Samar. She did not, however, get very close to Mrs Marcos.

After playing the former First Lady in both comedic and serious roles, Tessie Tomas today has nothing but compas-

sion for her. Strange but true, "I began to see her human side," how she was given to crying at the slightest provocation," Tessie says. "I became more sympathetic towards her, although my feelings about what the Marcoses did to the Filipino people have not changed at all."

She thinks that by playing Meldita, she is, in effect, constantly advertising Mrs Marcos. "I have become some sort of an alter-ego. I am actually perpetuating her image."

Mrs Marcos reportedly viewed a videotape of Meldita and was amused by its humorous character sketches. Last year, there was a loyalist plan to stage Meldita in Honolulu but like many loyalist affairs, this was quickly aborted.

Tessie's experience in "A Dangerous Life" changed her attitude towards her career and Imelda Marcos completely. The straight dramatic role gave her confidence that she could tackle the part of a real-life personality in as serious a manner. What's more, she began to fully understand the character of the woman she had been playing. At a certain point during filming, Tessie declared she felt she had been possessed by the character.

So much for drama, she shrieks, speaking like weather-girl Amanda Pineda this time. The weather, as far as Tessie Tomas' career is concerned, is torn between cloudy and bright, serious and comic. Hey, that's schizophrenic. Right but, relax, it's only a fragment of the wide, wide world of Tessie Tomas.



Tessie Tomas as Meldita and as Tessie (inset): the switch is as easy as pie

Workers abroad

MORE Filipinos want to work abroad despite reports of unfair labour practices and other forms of maltreatment from foreign employers, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) said recently.

The POEA said this is reflected in the total number of Filipino overseas contract workers actually deployed last month.

Tomas Achacoso, POEA administrator, said last month's overseas workers reached a total of 40,900, of which 82 per cent or 33,471 were land-based and 18.2 per cent were sea-based.

"Market share for the Middle East registered 67 per cent of the total land-based," the POEA said.

The POEA added that last month's actual deployment of 40,900 Filipino overseas workers

brought to 204,876 the number of those deployed overseas from January to May this year with the Middle East absorbing an average of 70 per cent or 119,718 of total land-based, and 58.4 per cent of the overall total during the period.

In the January-May period, the POEA reported that January registered the highest deployment at 49,881, of which 87 per cent or 43,530 were land-based and 12.7 per cent or 6,351 were sea-based.

February had 39,955 overseas contract workers deployed representing a decrease of 19.9 per cent over the previous month's total but an increase of 8.9 per cent for the same month last year.

Of this month's total, 85.9 per cent or 34,132 were land-based

and 14.5 per cent or 5,823 were sea-based. The Middle East absorbed 75 per cent or 25,699 of the land-based.

Deployment volume in March was the least among the first quarter's total registering 36,461. This figure represented a slight decrease of nine per cent over February and a small slump of 1.75 per cent for the same month last year.

Total land-based deployment was placed at 29,232 or 80 per cent of the total and sea-based at 7,229 or 19.8 per cent of total deployment.

In April, 37,679 workers were deployed, a slight increase of 3.2 per cent over March. Sea-based deployment was 7,136 and land-based was 30,541, of which 67 per cent went to the Middle East.

National Food Authority sinking

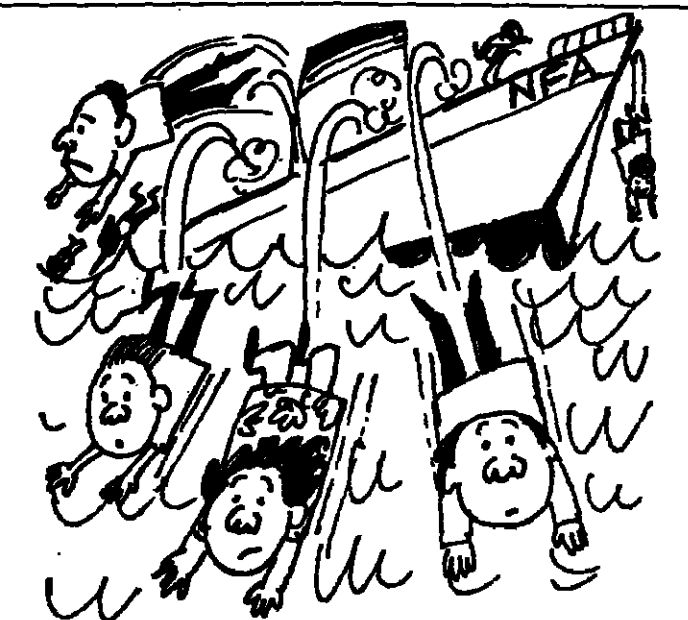
By Beth A. Pango

LIKE a sinking barge, the National Food Authority is slowly being abandoned by relatives of NFA Administrator Emil Ong in the wake of reports of the Senate Blue Ribbon committee of irregularities in the food agency.

Gregorio Tan, assistant NFA administrator, Beth Lao, deputy director for general services, and Efrén Sabong, director for legal affairs, resigned recently. All three are Ong's relatives.

Three more of Ong's relatives and proteges are reportedly set to resign once the Senate Blue Ribbon committee winds up its investigation. They are Teodoro Jumamil, assistant NFA administrator and director of Food Terminal Inc., Romulo Millan, director for marketing operations, and Ruben Lao, an NFA official and brother of Beth Lao.

It was not immediately clear if Ong's other relatives will resign. The resignations came as



Ombudsman Conrado Vasquez asked Sen. Teofisto Guingona, chairman of the blue ribbon committee, to turn over to the Tanodbayan documents pertaining to NFA anomalies for possible prosecution of erring officials.

The Senate committee has focused its investigation on the highly suspicious circumstances surrounding the reported sinking of two barges laden with sacks of NFA rice worth P17 million.

Vasquez has summoned Emmanuel Lopez, president of Grains Corporation, officer of the Philippine Coast Guard, and officials of Ace Integrated Marine Services, Inc.

AIMS is the operator of the barges which handled the 43,410 tons of rice the NFA claimed had sunk off Calavite Point in Occidental Mindoro on March 3 last year.

The Coast Guard, however, made no report on the sinking of the barges. Lopez, who exposed the alleged anomaly, was sacked by Ong as president of Graincor, an NFA subsidiary.

Ong said the three officials resigned "on their own in order for me to have a leeway."

Ong admitted that the officials are his relatives but reasoned out that he could not be charged of nepotism because they are "not close relatives."

Tan and the two Lao's are Ong's cousins while Sabong's wife is a second cousin.

Jumamil, reportedly Ong's closest adviser, said he will accept whatever will be the decision by the higher-ups. "In government, you cannot be onion-skinned," he told the Inquirer.

Agriculture Secretary Carlos Dominguez had told Ong to "clean up NFA" and warned him against a coverup.

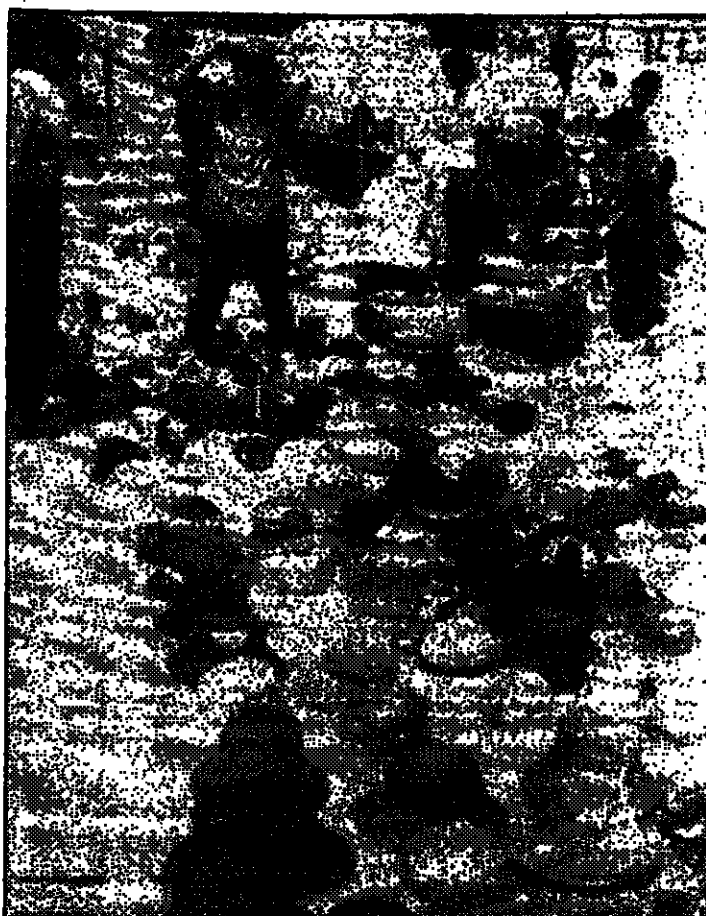
Ong gave no indication he will abandon ship.



LILJA FLORES stands in the rubble of the house of her friend that was levelled by the rupture of a hilltop water tank in southwestern Juarez, Mexico, on Friday. (Reuter wirephoto)



FEDERAL marshals escort Libyans, accused of violating US economic sanctions against Libya, to a waiting van after a bond hearing in Alexandria, USA. Bond was set for five of the six charged including Mousa Hawamda, centre, who is suspected of possible involvement in a plot to kill former White House aide Oliver North. (Reuter wirephoto)



HUNDREDS of hats on sale outside Damascus Gate, in the Old City of occupied Jerusalem on the eve of Eid Al Adha. (Reuter wirephoto)



ARABS in traditional clothes look at youngsters enjoying a bumper-to-bumper ride in Al Ain's fun city, as a four-day holiday started yesterday marking the occasion of Eid Al Adha. (Reuter wirephoto)



ROBERTO SUAREZ GOMEZ, known in Bolivia as 'King of Coke,' was arrested on Friday on an isolated ranch in the region of Beni near the Bolivian frontier with Brazil and faces two indictments in the US for trafficking and 12-year prison sentence in Bolivia for producing cocaine. (Reuter wirephoto)



VICE-PRESIDENT George Bush answers questions concerning Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis and the upcoming presidential campaign during a press conference at Milwaukee's Henry Welter festival grounds. At right is Sen. Robert Kasten. (Reuter wirephoto)



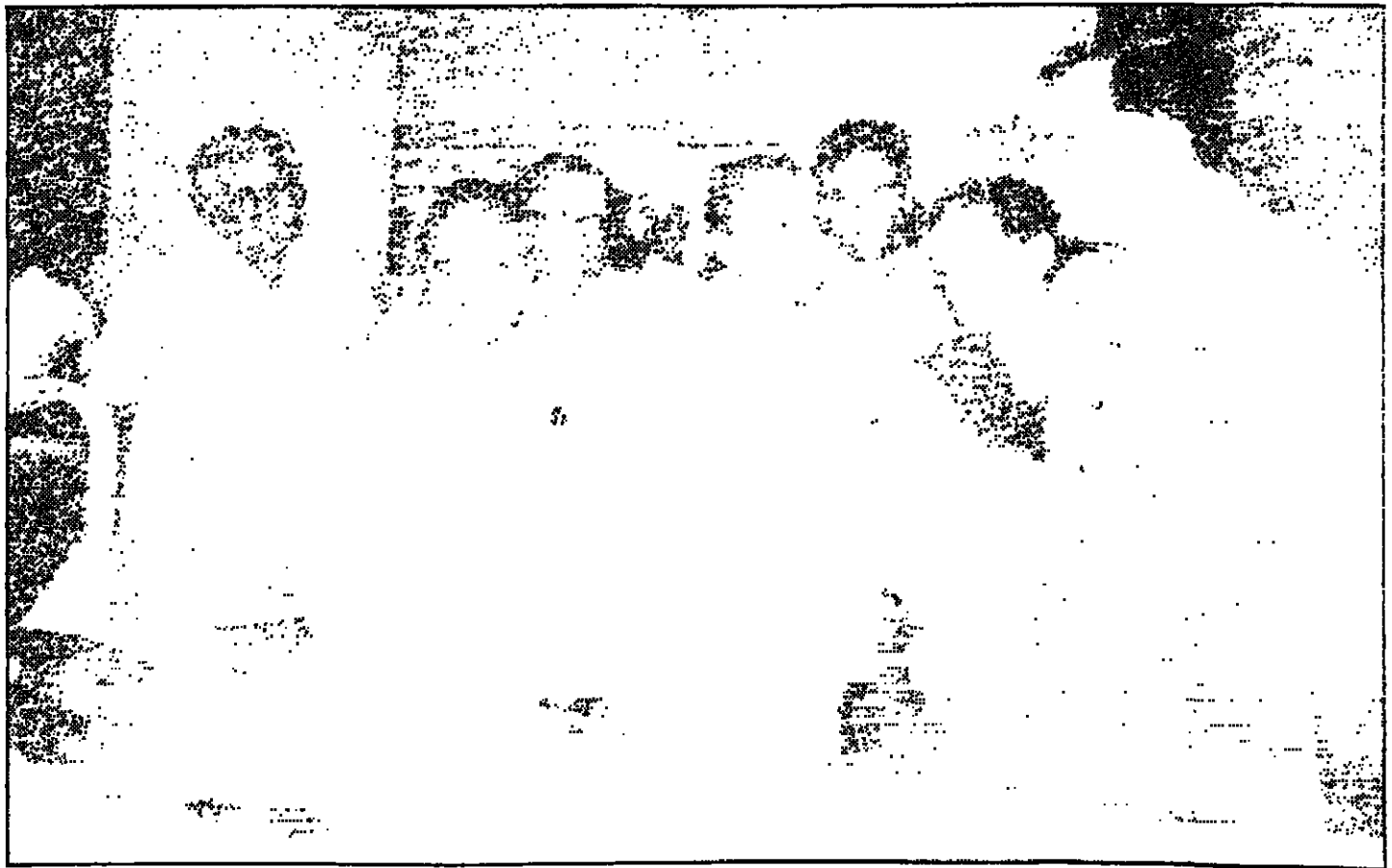
VIETNAMESE Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach (right) talks with newsmen, after arriving at Jakarta's international airport, as Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas (left) looks on. (Reuter wirephoto)



WINNIE MANDELA (left) and other family members visited black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela in Cape Town's Pollsmoor prison yesterday. Nelson Mandela turned 70 last Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



PROTESTING Serbs brandish picture of late Yugoslav leader Tito and Serbian language reformer Vuk Karadzic at a demonstration over regional powers. (Reuter wirephoto)



INDIAN Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi (right) enquiring the condition of a young child stricken with cholera during a visit to the Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital in east Delhi. (Reuter wirephoto)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Oil prices again edge higher but in quieter trade

LONDON, July 23. (Reuters): Crude oil prices edged up another 25 cents a barrel on international spot markets yesterday to take net advances in a volatile week to just over \$1.50, traders said.

Towards the close of business in Europe, Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, was quoted at \$15.80 a barrel—around 25 cents a barrel above levels seen at the same time on Thursday.

Prices leapt almost \$1 a barrel on Monday after Iran's acceptance of a year-old United Nations ceasefire resolution on the Gulf war.

Although an end to the Iran-Iraq conflict, now in its eighth year, was expected to result in more crude hitting an already oversupplied market, traders took the view that it might also herald a new era for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

They speculated that an end to the war might lead to a more determined effort by the producers' group to shore up plunging crude oil prices.

As a result, the market eagerly awaited news about the OPEC price monitoring committee, which is expected to meet soon. But, despite rumours of a possible meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, on August 3, no details have yet been sent.

Prices
On Thursday, a spokesman for the OPEC secretariat confirmed a meeting of the price committee was being planned but said no date or venue had been fixed.

The five-member committee, comprising Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Venezuela and Algeria, can instigate a full meeting of OPEC if prices deviate too far from the group's \$18 a barrel reference price.

Despite this week's gains, crude oil prices are still well below the OPEC target.

Trading turned quiet on international markets on Friday with little fresh news to provide direction.

The benchmark US grade West Texas Intermediate was quoted 25 cents up at \$16.35 a barrel, while Dubai, the leading Middle East crude, also firmed 25 cents to \$14.05.

Indonesia records 34pc increase in exports

JAKARTA, July 23. (OPECNA): Indonesia's exports during the first quarter of this year totalled \$4.70 billion, an increase of about 34 per cent over the 3.50 billion earned during the same period of 1987, Junior Minister of Trade Toni Ariwibowo said at the weekend.

He said that non-oil exports accounted for \$2.50 billion compared to 1.60 billion during the same period of last year.

As a result of the government policy of deregulation and debarterisation, about \$1.30 billion came from manufactured goods, he said.

Priority
He reiterated that the government would continue to give priority to the development of export-oriented industries under a programme to place manufactured goods next to oil and gas on the list of Indonesia's most important export commodities.

He said that the current drive to boost non-oil exports was also aimed at lowering the country's debt-service ratio which had reached a "critical level."

Iran, Turkey to step up trade ties

ANKARA, July 23. (OPECNA): The Turkish cabinet has endorsed an agreement which will increase the country's trade with Iran to \$1.80 billion in 1988.

The agreement was signed by the two countries in March at the end of a visit to Tehran by a high-level Turkish delegation led by Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

The two sides agreed to step up technical and industrial cooperation in the framework of the economic cooperation organisation, a regional economic grouping formed by Iran, Turkey and Pakistan.

Iran is to export \$60 million worth of non-oil goods to Turkey this year, besides crude oil.

The agreement also provides for trade in chemicals, minerals, plastics, textiles, and machinery and spare parts.

GM profits surge

Wall Street finds many ways to lose

NEW YORK, July 23. (AP): Wall Street traders and brokers have been treated lately to a smorgasbord of just about everything that can go wrong in the investment game.

Bond traders have been pinched by an erratic rise in interest rates. Fanciers of high-technology stocks have seen their holdings take a drubbing.

Sluggish activity has left a big hole in brokers' commission income. And even the bears who thrive on weak markets got stung by selling short American depositary shares of Japanese stocks that they thought were poised for a fall, but went the other way instead.

Analyst
Stan Weinstein, publisher of the professional tape reader Investment Advisory Service, summarised it as "a neutral trading range market that has a serious case of the 'blahs'."

Heading into July, many stock

analysts were counting on earnings reports for the second quarter to give the market a lift.

True to expectations, results achieved by many companies for the April-June period have been impressive. Case in point: General Motors profits, up 34 per cent from the comparable period last year.

Activity
But the market chose to concentrate its attention on disappointing earnings at a succession of high-technology companies like Seagate Technology, Tandem Computers and Data General.

And rather than just dumping the shares of the company announcing the disappointing news, investors have responded each time by selling stocks throughout the high-tech sector.

The state of the overall stock market, meanwhile, received eloquent testimony from the second-quarter reports of bro-

kerage firms themselves.

Charles Schwab Corp., operator of the nation's largest discount brokerage firm and thus considered a good gauge of activity by individual investors, said its volume of business was off 42 per cent from the second quarter last year.

PaineWebber, a full-service firm that handles a lot of trading for the public, said its commission revenues fell 32 per cent. It barely cleared a profit for the quarter.

Dropped
With all that to set the tone, the stock market took its sharpest drop in more than three months this past week.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 68.46 to 2,060.99, for its biggest decline since it tumbled 76.26 points the week of April 11-15.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index drop-

ped 4.10 to 149.55; the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market lost 7.24 to 387.35; and the American stock exchange market value index was down 3.20 to 306.11.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 150.13 million shares a day, against 175.20 million the week before.

Normally in declining markets, at least the bears get a chance to feast by reaping profits on short sales.

This time-honoured strategy calls for borrowing stock from a broker, selling it, and then buying it back later at a lower price for return to the broker. The difference, minus commissions, goes into the short-seller's pocket.

Target
But it hasn't worked out that way lately for one recent favourite target of short-sellers, the Japanese stocks traded in this country in the form of American

depository receipts.

Many of these familiar names, such as Honda, Matsushita and Sony, rebounded from the 1987 crash this year to new highs.

Lately, they have been much discussed on Wall Street as a way to "play" a break in the Tokyo market, which by US standards has returned to very inflated levels.

However, it looks now as though the shorts were caught in a squeeze when the stocks failed to decline and they scrambled to buy stock to cut their losses. For example, Honda, which closed the previous Friday at 141, soared as high as 179 by Thursday.

Somewhere on Wall Street, there is presumably someone who safely traversed this minefield by owning the Japanese stocks and shorting the technology issues. But otherwise, few have happy tales to tell right now.

America gives a vote of confidence to debt strategy

Brazilians see US policy toward them as erratic

BRASILIA, July 23. (Reuters): Brazilian officials say they are bewildered by what they see as erratic economic policies from their country's biggest trade partner and creditor, the United States.

On Friday, the White House announced it was imposing trade sanctions worth about \$200 million against Brazil in a row over pharmaceutical patents.

Only four days earlier, the United States won praise from officials and the local press for agreeing to join in a \$500-million multilateral loan for Brazil.

The two decisions were unrelated, but the contrast could not have been greater.

Sanctions
"Brazil doesn't always know what to expect from the US it has a way of blowing hot and cold with us," said a Foreign Ministry official after Washington announced the sanctions.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said Brazil had

expected US sanctions over pharmaceuticals for several days but did not think they would be so harsh.

The Reagan administration said it was imposing trade sanctions against Brazil's exports to the United States in retaliation against Brazil's failure to enforce US pharmaceutical patents.

Brazil reacted swiftly and angrily to the announcement, threatening to take action against the United States before the world trade body GATT.

Violation
A statement issued by President Jose Sarney called the sanctions "a violation of the most elementary principles of international law and GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade)."

To show its displeasure, the Foreign Ministry cancelled a ceremony planned in honour of US Secretary of State George Shultz in Brasilia when he visits Brazil next month.

Instead of the ceremony, ministry officials will hold a "private dinner" with Shultz, a spokesman said.

Health Minister Borges da Silva told reporters the United States had committed a "brutal error" with the sanctions, which "the country cannot peacefully accept."

"These sanctions are especially curious because Brazil owes billions of dollars to US banks. How does the US expect us to pay the debt if it puts sanctions on our exports?" Deputy Fernando Gasparian, a member of Brazil's 559-member constituent assembly, asked.

Debt
The largest chunk of Brazil's \$121 billion debt—the biggest in the developing world—is owed to US creditors.

Officials have lately praised the Reagan administration for helping Brazil regain the confidence of bankers around the world after the country froze

interest payments on the commercial sector of the debt in February last year.

The freeze, which ended early this year, had made Brazil a pariah in the international financial community.

Two weeks ago, the United States gave a vote of confidence to Brazil's debt strategy by announcing that the US Export-Import Bank (Eximbank) would resume accepting requests for financing from Brazilian businessmen seeking to import American goods.

Boosted
The announcement boosted Finance Minister Malson Nobrega's standing before he set out for Europe to negotiate a long-term debt agreement with European creditors, officials said.

The United States and Brazil have been at loggerheads before over Brazil's allegedly unfair trade practices.

Last November, the White House threatened to apply trade sanctions on Brazilian imports into the US in retaliation against the country's virtual ban on imports of foreign computers.

Threat
Washington later withdrew the threat pending approval of a law in Brazil that would ease the import restrictions.

In the latest dispute over pharmaceuticals, public hearings are to be held in Washington as soon as possible to determine which Brazilian exports to target for the roughly \$200 million in tariffs.

Brazilian officials said they were surprised at the strength of this US retaliation because legislation is now pending that would tighten controls on drug patents.

The US move, after years of fruitless talks on the issue, will punish Brazil for letting manufacturers copy US drugs without paying US companies holding their global patents.

Food prices rise

Growth in personal income slows in US

NEW YORK, July 23. (UPI): Consumer prices increased as the growth in personal income slowed, the government said this week.

In corporate news, Walt Disney's nephew stalked Polarooid Corp. and British tycoon Robert Maxwell launched a bid for MacMillan Inc.

Rapidly rising food costs sent consumer prices up 0.3 per cent in June, not quite as high as expected because aggressive markdowns on clothing and lower energy prices helped stem the rise, the Labour Department reported.

The Bureau of Labour Statistics said food prices rose 0.7 per cent, led by a sharp 2 per cent increase for meat, poultry, fish and eggs.

Beef prices increased 1.3 per cent in June and have risen 10.8 per cent this year, despite expectations that prices would drop as drought-stricken farmers took their cattle to market early rather than pay for expensive and scarce feed.

Inflation was held down in June by a 0.3 per cent drop in the

costs of clothing and 1.1 per cent lower gasoline prices as the summer vacation season began.

In other economic developments, personal income increased 0.8 per cent in the first three months of 1988, down sharply from a 2.8 per cent jump in late 1987 but still ahead of the inflation rate, the Commerce Department said.

In Burbank, California, Shamrock Holdings Inc. announced it has acquired nearly 8 per cent of Polarooid Corp. and has offered \$40 per share for all outstanding stock.

Shamrock is controlled by Roy E. Disney, nephew of famed animator Walt Disney. Polarooid had no comment on the takeover offer.

The Cambridge, Massachusetts, camera and film manufacturer has attracted several suitors in part because of the preliminary judgement it won in a patent-infringement lawsuit against Kodak.

Wall Street observers believe the suit could bring Polarooid a judgement of \$1 billion or more.

The company, which has been suffering from slow sales of its instant cameras and film, announced earlier this month that it will cut 500 to 800 jobs or up to 8 per cent of the domestic work force, reorganise operations and buy back \$300 million worth of its stock.

In New York, Maxwell Communications, led by British media mogul Robert Maxwell, entered the bidding fray for MacMillan Inc. by offering \$80 a share, or about \$2.06 billion, for the publishing company.

The offer comes just days after the Robert M. Bass Group Inc., of Fort Worth, Texas, sweetened its bid for MacMillan to \$75 a share, or about \$1.75 billion.

Edward Evans, MacMillan's chairman and chief executive officer, said both offers would be reviewed by MacMillan's board. Analysts were divided on whether a bidding war is on the horizon for the New York publishing company.

"More likely, MacMillan management will concede defeat and invite other parties in and sell

to the highest bidder," said Bert Boksen, an analyst at Raymond, James and Associates, of St. Petersburg, Florida.

A senior vice-president and broker at Gruntal and Co., a Wall Street brokerage, was indicated in an insider trading scheme involving the 1986 Waldbaum Inc. takeover, federal officials said.

Robert Chestman, 41, of Long Island, was indicted by a federal grand jury on 20 counts of securities fraud, 10 of mail fraud and one count of perjury, US Attorney Rudolph Giuliani said.

Giuliani said Chestman learned on Nov 26, 1986, from a client, a member of the Waldbaum family, that the grocery chain was about to be sold to the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.

In Dallas, federal regulators approved the acquisition of Fort Worth-based Texas American Bancshares Inc. and National Bancshares Corp. of San Antonio by Minnesota banker Carl R. Pohlad, requiring \$475 million in federal assistance.

Iraq plans to achieve sound industrial base

BAGHDAD, July 23. (OPECNA): Iraq is planning to achieve a sound industrial base as a prelude to self-sufficiency, according to Industry Minister Brig. Hussein Kamel.

In an article published here on Wednesday, the minister said the next stage of the industrialisation programme was designed to meet domestic needs.

He said his ministry was also planning to increase industrial production and exports to Iraqi products to the Arab world, particularly the Gulf states.

Plants
He stated that work was underway for the construction of integrated industrial plants provided with locally manufactured equipment and machinery.

On July 13, the ministry of industry and minerals was merged with the military industries commission and renamed the ministry of industry and military industrialisation.

Kamel described the merger decision as necessary, adding that it would lead to the establishment of the national industry on sound lines.

Suzuki to invest dividend in India

NEW DELHI, July 23. Suzuki has decided to invest its share of Maruti Udyog's maiden dividend in this country instead of repatriating it to Japan, according to Economic Times.

This amount of Rs 1.01 crores will be used to upgrade components required by MUL. Disclosing this here, the Maruti Udyog chairman, V. Krishnamurthy, told newsmen that the company has declared a maiden dividend of 5 per cent for 1987-88. This is a consequence of the company earning a profit of Rs 26.44 crores, which is substantially higher than last year.

Project
He said the company is now poised to begin work on the new 1000 CC model as the government clearance has been obtained. Production of the new car which will be 70 per cent indigenous from the time production commences, will begin in the second half of 1990.

Bookings for the 800 CC are also expected to be made about same time.

MUL managing director, R.C. Bhargava, pointed out that the original project had en-

visaged that MUL would still be in the red in the fourth year of operations. However, the company had begun to make profits in the third year itself as a result of a tight control on expenses, and had now been able to declare a dividend in the fourth year.

Cost
Replying to numerous questions on the concept of Maruti as "the people's car", Krishnamurthy said "we owe an apology to the Indian public for having made such claims in 1983."

He conceded that at a price of about Rs 77,000 as against the original sale price of about Rs 47,000, the car no longer serves the purpose for which it was originally introduced.

But armed with statistics, he argued, MUL had little control over most of the price increases. Since 1983, excise duty has risen by Rs 13,280 while the yen appreciation has meant an increase of Rs 13,500 in the overall price of the car. In addition, enhanced customs duty had imposed a burden of about Rs 12,000.

On the plus side, indigenisation of components had brought

about cost reduction of the order of Rs 13,500.

At the same time, he said the company's overheads had not risen significantly as the work force remained at the same level of 3,500 as at the beginning of the project.

Asked about the Japanese plea for slower indigenisation, Krishnamurthy expressed the view that MUL had wisely not sacrificed quality while indigenising its vehicles. The pace of indigenisation should depend, he felt, on the availability of quality components.

Bhargava also observed that at the present yen rate, it was uneconomic to continue relying on imported components. However, conditions had to be created so that manufacturers were given sufficient incentives to set up component manufacturing units.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the company held here yesterday, Suzuki has been asked to subscribe to additional shares since it has exercised its option to increase equity in the company from 26 to 40 per cent. Suzuki is expected to make this subscription very shortly.

McGraw-Hill probes link between magazine stories and stock prices

NEW YORK, July 23. (AP): A series of suspicious movements in stocks just before they were mentioned in Business Week's widely read Wall Street column has sparked an investigation by the magazine's publisher.

McGraw-Hill Inc. spokesman Mary McGeachy said on Thursday that the company was investigating Business Week's entire operation. From its editorial staff to its four printing plants, to determine whether market-sensitive information was being leaked in advance of publication.

Employees
McGeachy said that "some time back" the company's legal counsel began tracking stocks mentioned in the "Inside Wall Street" column after noticing unusual rises and heavy trading volume in those stocks on the day Business Week was printed but before it reached newsstands.

She said no employees had been suspended or fired. Although the cause of the

movements has not been determined, the probe is reminiscent of a case involving the Wall Street Journal in which a reporter passed to a stockbroker advance information on columns expected to move stock prices.

All Business Week employees are informed as part of their orientation that they are obligated to disclose their stock holding to the editor-in-chief and will not report on those companies, McGeachy said.

Mary McCue, a spokeswoman for the Securities and Exchange Commission, declined to comment on whether the agency is investigating the matter. Spokespeople for the New York Stock Exchange had left their offices for the day when called for comment.

The presses begin rolling out Business Week in the early-morning hours each Thursday at plants in three states that produce the US edition and in Pennsylvania, which produces the international edition.

World Business Summary

Former E.F. Hutton broker sentenced

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, July 23. (AP): A former E.F. Hutton broker was sentenced on Friday to three months in prison and fined \$3,000 for his part in a money-laundering scheme at the firm's providence office. Brian J. Lareau, 46, could have been sentenced to six years in prison and fined \$6,000. Under a plea bargain, prosecutors had recommended no more than six months in prison. In May, Hutton was fined \$1.01 million for its part in the scheme. The penalty against the brokerage company, the maximum allowable, was the largest money-laundering fine ever collected by the government. US attorney Lincoln C. Almond said at the time. The illegal activity occurred before Hutton's acquisition last year by Shearson Lehman Bros. the merged company is known as Shearson Lehman Hutton. According to court documents, Lareau created a fictitious account with a fake social security number and used it to conceal a customer's money. Another former Hutton broker, Stephen S. Fusco, was accused of helping organised crime figures launder illegal profits. Lareau and Fusco, who died two years ago of cancer, helped clients hide about \$1.5 million in cash from tax authorities and securities exchange commission, authorities said. Lareau admitted to laundering \$183,950 from August 1982 to October 1984. He worked at Hutton's providence branch from 1980 to 1985.

Bulgaria and Turkey try to strengthen trade links

SOFIA, Bulgaria, July 23. (AP): Talks to boost lagging economic co-operation in trade, telecommunications and transport between Bulgaria and Turkey opened here on Thursday, the official BTA news agency reported. The talks were attended by Turkish Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs Tansug Bleda and Hristo Hristov, Bulgarian Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, the report said. The session was the second such gathering since May, when the same officials met in Ankara to discuss opportunities for a "positive promotion of bilateral economic relations. Relations between Bulgaria and Turkey have been strained since 1984 over Turkish complaints of an alleged Bulgarian campaign to force the assimilation of the 900,000-strong ethnic Turkish minority. The Sofia government denies the existence of an ethnic Turkish minority, claiming they are descendants of Bulgarians who were converted to Islam during 500 years of Ottoman rule. Relations between the two neighbouring countries have improved after a conference of Balkan foreign ministers was held last February in Belgrade, Yugoslavia's capital. At the meeting, Bulgaria and Turkey signed a protocol on the promotion of relations of good neighbourliness, friendship and cooperation. Under the protocol, an economic commission and a working group on political issues to settle the existing differences in bilateral relations were set up. In May, Warsaw Pact member Bulgaria and Turkey, which belongs to NATO, discussed co-operation in the struggle against terrorism and drug smuggling, and humanitarian issues in Sofia in a first bid to improve bilateral relations.

Morocco and Indonesia sign economic pact

JAKARTA, July 23. (KUNA): Moroccan Minister of Trade and Industry Abdallah Azmani today wound up a three-day state visit to Indonesia that was marked by the signing of the first commercial agreement ever concluded between the two countries. The agreement that constitutes the cornerstone of economic and commercial relation between the two countries will be followed, shortly, by the signing of an agreement on economic, scientific and technical cooperation. During his visit, Azmani was received by President of Indonesia Gen Suharto and conferred with Minister of Economy and Finance Radjasa Prawiro, Minister of Industry Hartanto and Minister of Transport Azwar Anas. Talks enabled the two sides to draw the balance sheet of economic and commercial relations between Morocco and Indonesia and to identify ways of upgrading cooperation in various areas. In this regard, they called for further mobilisation on the part of the two countries' economic operators to diversify and increase the declining level of their trade exchanges and worked out a programme for exchange of visits between Moroccan and Indonesian trade delegations. In the industrial sector, the two parties stressed the existence of various complementary sectors where practical actions can be contemplated. These sectors include the industries of wood, leather, mechanics and electronics in addition to small and medium industries in general.

Nigeria sets up oil trading firms with Chevron

LAGOS, July 23. (Reuters): Nigeria and Chevron, a major US oil company, have set up two oil trading firms to buy Nigerian crude, refine and sell products, according to Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwan Lukman. Lukman told Nigerian reporters in Cotonou, Benin, on Wednesday after a meeting of an African oil group that the move followed the commercialisation of the government-owned Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) this year. He named the two firms as Hyson, which he said was based in Lagos, and Calson, with headquarters in Bermuda. Lukman said Hyson was owned 60 per cent by the NNPC and 40 per cent by Chevron. A senior NNPC official said Hyson was currently buying 50,000 barrels per day (BPD) of crude oil from the NNPC. "Hyson refines this and sells to Calson for marketing abroad," NNPC deputy managing director Michael Olorunfemi said. Lukman said Calson was owned 51 per cent by the NNPC while Chevron held the other 49 per cent. "The idea is that this company will eventually be responsible for supply of (petroleum) products in most of West Africa," Lukman said. He said Nigeria would have about 100,000 BPD of products for export when a refinery under construction in Port Harcourt, in the South East, was completed at the end of 1988. It will be Nigeria's fourth refinery. The NNPC, which officials say is Africa's biggest oil corporation, was split into nine operating firms as part of the commercialisation programme announced last March.

Australian plan for free trade in services welcomed

GENEVA, July 23. (Reuters): GATT delegates said yesterday they welcomed an Australian plan for free global trade in services as a first blueprint of a final accord in the 105-nation Uruguay round of trade talks. Australia on Monday submitted a proposal to establish a set of international principles in sectors including banking, insurance, transport and consular services. Under the proposed rules, countries would have to treat foreign and domestic suppliers of services equally. Delegates praised the plan, but said they would have to consult their capitals before making detailed commitments. The four-day closed meeting of the negotiating group on services was part of the Uruguay round being held under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The four-year talks were launched in September 1984. Mexico also put forward a proposal, the first by a developing country, urging special treatment for developing nations. Under the Mexican proposal, there would be no automatic right to establish a service industry abroad, and developing countries would be entitled to an accelerated transfer of technology. Industrialised nations expressed strong reservations about Mexico's plan. Switzerland also submitted a revised plan for liberalising trade in service industries through a series of bilateral or small-group negotiations on specific sectors. Other countries could then subscribe to these arrangements.

Alshall stock price indices

Peace hopes buoy share prices

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 43.81 points with an increase of 4.27 points over last week's average. Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 49.87 points with an increase of 1.77 points for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 129.08 million shares at a daily average of 25.82 million shares with an increase of 138 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 10.84 million shares. Gulf traded shares reached 47.16 million shares at a daily average of 9.43 million shares with an increase of 135 per cent over last week's daily average of 4.02 million shares. The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD39.645 million at a daily average of KD7.929 million, an increase of 159 per cent over last week's daily average of KD3.065 million.

The value of Gulf traded shares was KD4.242 million at a daily average of KD0.848 million, an increase of 129 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0.370 million.

The market was very active especially during the second half of the week following the news that Iran accepted the ceasefire unconditionally according to UN Resolution 598. The activity was fully reflected in both markets on the three indices: prices, trading volume and value. The trading volume registered its highest daily record for the past four years and the current year as the traded volume exceeded 84 million shares on Tuesday, the day immediately after the ceasefire announcement.

However, it declined to less than one half of this level on the following day, Wednesday.

The Kuwaiti shares price index made a record gain of about 10.8 per cent since the week ended on March 11, 1987, which preceded the splitting of Kuwaiti shares.

For Kuwaiti shares, the banking sector had the lead at 53.7 per cent of total traded volume of which the Commercial Bank had 24 per cent, Burgan Bank 22 per cent and Gulf Bank 14 per cent. The services sector came second at 24.8 per cent of total trading volume, of which Kuwait Commercial Markets Co. had the lead at 61 per cent, followed by Mobile Telephone System at 25 per cent and Kuwait Computer Co. 8 per cent.

Third came the investment sector at 13.2 per cent of which Investment Pearl of Kuwait had the lead at 44 per cent followed by Kuwait International Investment Co. at 25 per cent, and National Investment Co. 19 per cent.

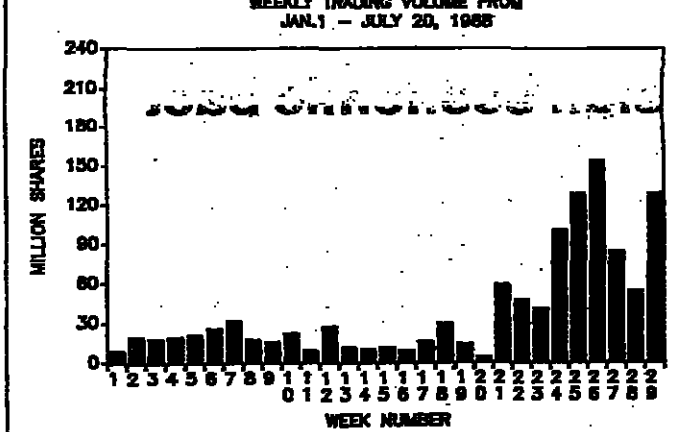
As for the Gulf shares market, the financial sector had the greatest share in the traded volume at 89.8 per cent, with Coast Investment and Development Company having 65 per cent of total trading of Gulf shares market, followed by Bahrain International Bank at 15 per cent, then Arabian General Investment (SHUAA) at 9 per cent.

We believe that Iran's decision to end the war will have a positive effect in all fields for both the medium and long-term. However, the actual increase in share prices, which has experienced immediately after the ceasefire news was made public, is exaggerated. We believe that share prices will fall again but will reach a price level higher than before the ceasefire decision.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 20/07/88	Wednesday 13/07/88	Change points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	105.51	89.28	16.23
The Gulf Bank	36.46	32.73	3.73
The Commercial Bank	28.31	24.82	3.48
Al Ahli Bank	39.41	35.56	3.84
Kuwait & M. East	36.84	33.33	3.51

KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM JAN. 1 - JULY 20, 1988

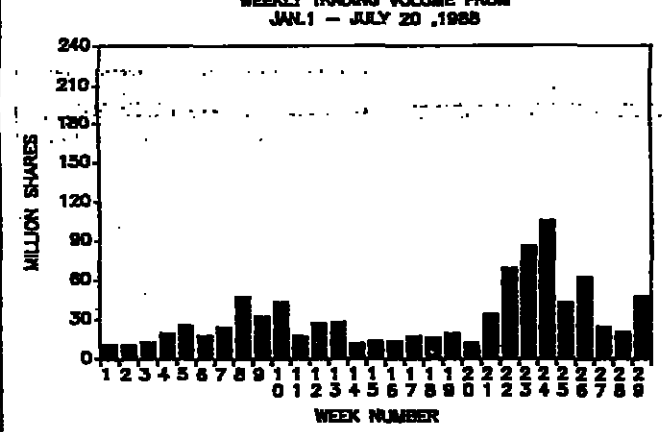


Kuwait R. Estate Bank	36.51	34.13	2.38
Burgan Bank	32.21	28.24	3.96
Kuwait Finance House	77.10	68.79	8.31
Sector Index	49.83	43.50	6.13
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	34.53	32.32	2.20
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	30.93	29.21	1.72
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	90.48	85.71	4.76
IFA	80.88	73.53	7.35
Commercial Facilities Sector Index	122.50	116.25	6.25
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	40.77	36.97	3.81
Gulf Insurance Co.	26.92	26.15	0.77
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	52.16	47.74	4.42
Warba Insurance Co.	80.76	74.74	6.01
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	29.82	28.55	1.27
United Realty	12.51	12.06	0.45
National Real Estate	43.80	41.01	2.79
Sector Index	22.15	21.12	1.03
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	17.38	16.36	1.02
Refrigeration Indust.	88.94	88.94	—
Gulf Cables	110.04	104.90	5.14
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	96.89	84.44	12.44
Sector Index	36.08	34.13	1.96
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	205.20	198.72	6.48
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	93.94	87.88	6.06
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	40.95	39.95	1.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	390.48	376.19	14.29
Sector Index	72.43	69.48	2.94
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	46.79	45.16	1.63
United Fishery	10.91	10.91	—
Kuwait United Poultry	85.81	83.61	2.20
Kuwait Food Co.	74.71	70.11	4.60
Sector Index	43.47	41.84	1.64
Overall Index	43.81	39.53	4.27

Gulf shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 20/07/88	Wednesday 13/07/88	Change points
Financial Companies			
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	95.17	92.41	2.76
Bahrain M. East Bank	87.32	81.63	5.69
Gulf Investments Co.	61.03	61.03	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	110.48	97.14	13.33
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	61.85	61.85	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	55.30	53.79	1.52
Sector Index	65.73	63.49	2.24
Other Companies			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	13.68	13.68	—
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—
Fujairah Cement	11.84	9.21	2.63
Ras Al Khaima W. Cement	26.11	25.00	1.11
Gulf Medical Projects	29.80	29.80	—
Sector Index	16.62	15.88	0.76
Overall Index	49.87	48.11	1.77

GULF SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM JAN. 1 - JULY 20, 1988



Election will not affect Reagan's world trade proposals: US official

WASHINGTON, July 23, (AP): Proposals by President Ronald Reagan's administration to reduce trade barriers will remain on the table no matter who wins the November US presidential election, a government official said yesterday.

The statement follows similar ones on Tuesday on the administration's effort to co-ordinate domestic and foreign economic policy among seven major governments: the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

Statement

Though these are not agreed statements by the major presidential candidates, they tend to reassure US allies and trading partners that months of laborious negotiations will not have been in vain.

The trade proposals have been made as part of a four-year negotiation. The economic policy co-ordination is a process also started under Reagan, with regular meetings by US Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III

with finance ministers of the other six countries.

Friday's statement came from Bruce Wilson, an assistant US trade representative who has served under both Republican and Democratic presidents.

"We have traditionally had a bipartisan trade policy in this country," Wilson said when asked what would happen after November. "I have been at the US trade representative's office for 13 years now, and the bipartisan nature of our trade policy has been consistent throughout that 13-year period."

"I think that will continue," Wilson said. "I think that we see in the recent congressional-executive branch dialogue over the trade bill a continuing bipartisan interest in the trade area."

In December, after the election, Trade Representative Clayton Yetter will attend a meeting in Montreal of the main governments in the trade negotiations at the mid-point in four years of talks. Wilson said Yetter will consult with the candidates of both parties and that

he will not do anything there unless he thinks it will be carried through by the next administration.

The new US president does not take office until January 20.

Wilson spoke in an international television programme called Worldnet that is distributed by the US Information Agency.

Negotiations

His speciality is trade in services, which the United States has introduced for the first time into negotiations of this kind. Previous rounds of trade talks have dealt only with trade in merchandise.

Wilson said services now account for three-quarters of the jobs in the United States, about \$50 billion worth of US exports and another \$75 billion worth of business done overseas by American companies.

Yetter has also pressed in the trade talks to end subsidies by governments to promote the export of farm products, a radical idea that many governments consider impractical.

US increases sugar import quota

WASHINGTON, July 23, (Reuters): The United States has increased its 1988 sugar import quota by 300,000 short tons and eliminated Panama's share of the US market, the US Trade Representative's office announced yesterday.

The rise in the quota to 1,050,000 short tons means sugar-producing developing countries, except Panama, will be able to sell more of their product to the United States.

Panama's quota of 20,300 short tons was redistributed to other countries, US Trade Representative Clayton Yetter said in a statement.

Panama's quota was dropped in compliance with a US law that cleared Congress and was signed by President Reagan earlier this year.

Imports

A short ton is 2,000 pounds, or 907.18 kilograms. The US sugar programme, supported by a powerful lobbying organisation, sets a support price of 18 cents per pound that serves as a price floor.

The programme restricts imports to protect domestic producers from price reductions and to guarantee the government will not have to buy up any surplus production.

The increase in the sugar quota was sure to please US firms that use sweeteners.

Earlier this week, the president of the US Sweeteners Users Association, a trade association, called on the Reagan administration to raise the import quota to offset the effects of higher domestic sugar and corn prices, pushed up in part by the drought.

Corn is used to make high fructose corn syrup, a sugar substitute.

Prospect

"Import quota restrictions combined with the prospect of significantly reduced US sweetener production due to the drought have put the American consumer in a tight spot," Tom Hammer, president of the Sweetener Trade Association said on Monday.

"Today, we have highly inflationary prices, coupled with the real risk that the US food and beverage industry will have insufficient supplies of sugar this summer and fall," he said.

Since 1982, US import quotas have been cut by 80 per cent and US sugar prices have been kept well above the world price. Earlier this week, Australia asked the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade to investigate whether the US sugar quota is legal under international trading rules.

The European Economic Community has also challenged the US law that underpins the sugar programme, and threatened to take its complaint to the GATT in Geneva.

Quotas

The countries with the largest US import quotas are the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Brazil, Australia and Argentina.

Other countries benefitting from the quota increase are Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Gabon, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, St Christopher, Swaziland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad-Tobago, Uruguay and Zimbabwe.

Congress scrapped Panama's sugar quota earlier this year after military leader General Manuel Antonio Noriega was indicted in a US court on racketeering and drug charges.

Jungle oilfield gives boost to Gabon

LIBREVILLE, July 23, (Reuters): One of Africa's biggest oil finds in a decade will help Gabon cruise safely into the next century as an oil exporter.

The Rabi-Kounga oilfield deep in the West African country's southwestern jungle will come on stream next May, then pump 80,000 barrels daily from 1990, oil industry sources say.

"Rabi-Kounga is a timely godsend for Gabon and has triggered a scramble for onshore exploration among oil companies," Dave Norman of Tenneco Oil of Gabon Inc. said.

Since the early 1970s most of Gabon's major discoveries were offshore in the Gulf of Guinea. Output has fallen steadily from a record 12 million tonnes in 1976 to 7.8 million last year.

Output

With Rabi-Kounga and other smaller fields coming on stream output will rebound to 8.5 million next year, the sources said.

From 1989 it will rise to at least 10 million tonnes annually and should reach 11 to 15 million in the next five years, according to oil and mining minister Etienne-Guy Mouvanga-Tchibola.

Gabon is black Africa's richest nation with a gross national

product per head of \$3,020 in 1986, according to the World Bank.

Dubbed Africa's Black Emirate, it is the smallest producer in the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but Africa's sixth largest after Nigeria, Algeria, Libya, Egypt and Angola.

Reserves

Rabi-Kounga has an estimated 400 million barrels of recoverable reserves, which would boost Gabon's production capacity 50 per cent.

Elf Gabon, a subsidiary of France's Elf Aquitaine which pumps 65 per cent of national output, last month raised its estimate of Rabi-Kounga reserves to 58 million tonnes from 47 million — a figure still considered conservative by oil and diplomatic sources.

Exploration

Rabi-Kounga was discovered in 1985 by Shell Gabon which has a 42.5 per cent stake and operates the field. Other partners are Elf Gabon (25.5 per cent), Elf Aquitaine (17 per cent) and the government (15 per cent). Gabon has a 25 per cent stake in both Elf Gabon and Shell Gabon.

Shell took 10 years to strike oil at Rabi-Kounga, 50 km (30 miles) from the coast in swampy jungle which makes the logistics of exploration and production expensive and complex.

But experts put the cost of a barrel shipped to the coast at about \$10 against \$13 a barrel pumped offshore. Total development costs, including two pipelines in dense rain-forest to take the crude to the coast, is put at \$500 million.

Work will start in October on a 135-km (85-mile) pipeline to the Shell terminal Cymba in the south. Elf will take its oil to the Cap Lopez terminal near the oil capital Port-Gentil, 240 km (150 miles) to the northwest.

Competing

Foreign companies are competing fiercely for 11 blocks available in the current round of exploration and production-sharing contracts, the last on offer until 1992.

In April Tenneco signed a fifth concession agreement for the north-west Obando onshore block. "We are hoping to become Gabon's third largest producer in six months time, after Elf and Shell but ahead of Amoco," Norman said.

Others bidding or awarded

contracts in the current round include Conoco, Phillips Petroleum, Atlantic Richfield and Sun Oil of the United States, Belgium's Petrofina, Britain's Lamsco and Taiwan's Overseas Petroleum Investment Corporation.

Gabon has been hit hard by the fall in oil prices and the dollar in recent years. Oil export income plunged from \$2.4 billion in 1985 to \$200 million the next year.

Reforms

Since 1986, the government has embarked on economic reforms backed by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF).

"Gabon's proven oil and mineral reserves, extensive hardwood forests and adherence to the IMF's structural adjustment programme bode well for the country's economic future," a survey from the US embassy in Libreville said in April.

The Rabi-Kounga field is expected to give the economy a lift by 1990. But world oil prices, the dollar's value against the CFA franc, Gabon's ability to diversify away from oil and its commitment to economic reforms, will prove critical, it added.

US steel firms post highest profit in a decade

PITTSBURGH, July 23: The US steel industry, posting its highest earnings in a decade, earned more than \$500 million in the second quarter, analysts said.

Citing hefty prices and strong demand, they estimated that the US's six largest steelmakers earned at least that sum, compared with slightly better than break-even results a year earlier. Both periods include non-steel earnings and are adjusted for one-time items, according to the Wall Street Journal.

An early signal came on Wednesday when National Steel Corp., the nation's No. 6 steelmaker, reported that net income rose 6.5 per cent to \$19.6 million in the second quarter from \$18.4 million a year earlier. National is a joint venture of National Inter-group Inc. of Pittsburgh and NKK Corp. of Japan.

Results

And Thursday, No. 4 Inland Steel Industries Inc. said second-quarter earnings jumped more than fourfold, and No. 5 Armco Inc. posted a 12 per cent increase. Industry leaders USX Corp. and Bethlehem Steel Corp. are scheduled to release their earnings next week. No. 3 LTV Corp. hasn't indicated when it will release its earnings.

Though the second-quarter results may reflect the industry's peak this year, executives nonetheless are growing increasingly confident about the second half.

In fact, while steelmakers expect shipments and production to slip a bit the balance of the year, few foresee a major correction.

Demand

"We're much more optimistic about the market today than we were a month or two ago," said John B. Corey, Armco's chief economist and strategic planner. Since mid-May, for instance, Armco has boosted its forecast of 1988 industry shipments to 79 million tons from 76 million tons.

Corey said Armco believes demand has plateaued at a fairly high level after several months of

Major Steelmakers

Estimated operating profit per ton

	2ND QUARTER 1987	2ND QUARTER 1988
Armco	\$33	\$57
Bethlehem Steel	19	55
Inland Steel Industries	15	52
LTV	38	55
USX	31	58

Source: Salomon Brothers Inc.

torrid orders. Steel consumption by important markets, such as autos and machinery, has held surprisingly firm, he noted, and any cuts in buyers' and distributors' steel inventories now appear unlikely before the fourth quarter.

"We still have orders running in excess of our ability to ship through the third quarter," Corey said. Adds Robert Garvey, chief executive officer of North Star Steel Co. of Minneapolis: "The third quarter is booked."

One trend that has the industry concerned, though, is continued inventory building, particularly among steel distributors. Customers ran down their stocks early last year, anticipating discounts. Instead, prices rose, and panicked buyers set about rebuilding inventories, often as a hedge against steel higher prices.

Process

Stocks at service centres — middlemen that warehouse and process metal — have risen for 10 consecutive months, and now average a 3.7-month supply. Some distributors say they are now cutting back on inventories in face of a modest decline in orders.

Nonetheless, although many analysts foresee little likelihood of further price boosts later this year, it seems just as unlikely that prices will drop in most product lines. "We're seeing unusual, continued strength in prices that none of us really expected," said Leonard Kasle, chairman of Kasle Steel Corp., a big Detroit service centre.

Exports

Bethlehem said it plans to

boost prices for sheet steel at the beginning of the year. Distributors said the move undercuts efforts by USX to put through a similar round of increase in October.

Inland said second-quarter net was \$79.9 million, or \$2.27 a share, compared with \$17.5 million, or 44 cents a share, for the year-earlier quarter. The earlier quarter included a tax credit of \$4.1 million.

Sales rose 24 per cent to \$1.05 billion from \$845.1 million.

Surged

Six-month net surged 80 per cent to \$143.5 million, or \$4.06 a share, from \$80 million, or \$2.43 a share. The latest half included a tax credit of \$13.2 million; the earlier half included a tax credit of \$5.8 million.

Sales increased 25 per cent to \$2.01 billion from \$1.61 billion. Armco's second-quarter net was \$40.4 million, or 44 cents a share, compared with \$36.2 million, or 46 cents a share, a year earlier.

The latest quarter included a

pretax charge of \$15 million related to Armco's financial-services group. The earlier quarter included a \$14.7 million tax credit.

The average number of shares rose to 87.4 million from 74.6 million. Sales climbed 15 per cent to \$826.7 million from \$719.5 million.

First-half net fell 4.8 per cent to \$88.4 million from \$93.7 million. The latest half included a \$42.8 million pre-tax gain from an accounting change and one-time charges of \$50 million related to the company's financial-services group and the closing of certain Latin American operations; the earlier half included \$36.4 million in tax credits.

Sales advanced 8.9 per cent to \$1.58 billion from \$1.45 billion. As reported, National Inter-group's net for the first quarter ended June 30 more than doubled to \$9.5 million. In addition to steel, National Inter-group has interests in oil and pharmaceuticals.

PDVSA profits rise

CARACAS, July 23, (OPEC-NA): Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), the Venezuelan national oil company, recorded a net profit of \$1.32 billion last year compared to \$1.09 billion in 1986, according to the company's 1987 annual report.

Revenues for the year amounted to \$10.93 billion with operating expenses totalling \$2.47 billion and capital expenditure, including investment in a new joint refining and marketing venture abroad, standing at \$1.66 billion.

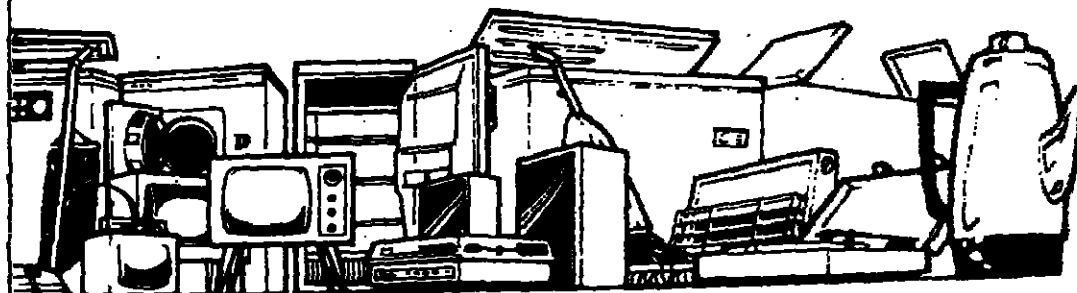
The company's total equity at the end of the year, comprising paid-up capital, reserves and retained earnings, amounted to \$24.63 billion.

The report says that total crude output last year averaged 1.53 million bpd with 259,000

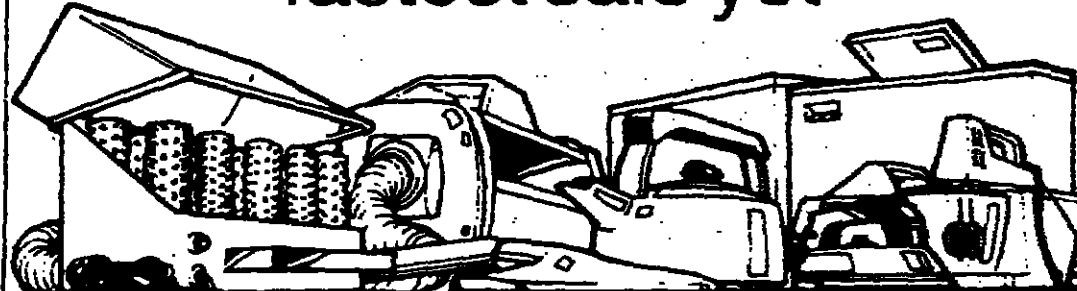
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Johnstone takes lead in Dutch Open

HILVERSUM, Netherlands, July 23. (Reuters): An adjustment to his putting technique helped Tony Johnstone of Zimbabwe shoot 66 and move into the half-way lead with a 10-under-par 134 in the Dutch Open golf championship yesterday.

The former South African Open champion made light of wind and rain to fire six birdies. He is one stroke ahead of Britain's Mark Roe, also round in 66, with Spain's Jose-Maria Olazabal, winner of last month's Belgian Open, shooting 67 for third place on 136.

American Andy Bean, originally one of the favorites for the \$71,000 first prize, drove out of bounds to take eight at the par-four sixth but birdied the last two holes to be home in 32 for a 73 and 143.

Running

Mark McNulty, who will go back to the top of the European money list if he wins, had a 69 for 139 but it was fellow Zimbabwean Johnstone who made the running after holing two 20-footers for birdies in the last three holes.

He explained: "Yesterday I missed three putts in a row after getting too involved with technique on the greens. Today I concentrated on the hole and I had eight single putts."

Roe, taking pain-killing pills to combat back trouble dating from a boyhood high diving accident, also altered his putting stance and had 11 single putts and seven birdies.

Olazabal would have overtaken both of them had he not missed five times from inside 12 feet.

Overnight leader Andrew Murray slipped to a 76 for 141, while British compatriot and defending champion Gordon Brand Junior is on 139 after a 69.

Brooks hits 6-under-par for top spot

CROMWELL, Conn., July 23. (Reuters): American Mark Brooks shot a six-under-par 65 for a two-round total 131 and grabbed a one-stroke lead after 36 holes at the Greater Hartford Open golf tournament yesterday.

Brooks, 27, had six birdies and no bogeys to move past over first-round leader Roger Maltbie of the United States and compatriot Clark Burroughs, who were tied at 132.

"I hope the next two days continue like the last two have gone," Brooks said. "My swing has gone through a simplification process this year. I've played well at times, but haven't had that big round on Sunday."

Qualifying

The most unlikely hero of the day was Burroughs. A rookie on the Tour, the 26-year-old golfer finished 11th at the national qualifying tournament to earn his exemption. Entering this tournament, he had played in 17 events and earned just \$17,804. His best finish was a tie for 27th.

Burroughs' 68 included an eagle at the par-four, 453-yard second hole, where he holed a seven iron from 197 yards.

"I hit my seven iron, it rolled, and then it went in," Burroughs said. "It was kind of wild."

"I've never been in this situation before (near the lead). I've never been in the interview room before today," Burroughs said. "I'm not really nervous about the weekend. One thing playing out here has taught me is that all the players are human, too."

Three-way tie in US Open

BALTIMORE, July 23. (Reuters): Americans Juli Inkster and Dottie Mochrie joined first-round leader and compatriot Liselotte Neumann in first place after the second round of the US Women's Open golf championship yesterday.

Neumann, who shot a four-under-par 67 on Thursday, had a 72 yesterday with just one birdie, to leave her at 139 for the two days.

The trio are two strokes ahead of Americans Vicki Ferguson and Tammie Green.

Inkster, who shot a 71 on Thursday, used three birdies on the front nine yesterday to help her post a 68.

Sole

Mochrie, who shot a 70 for the first round, missed taking over sole possession of first place on Friday, when she had a bogey on the 18th hole to finish with a 69.

"This is the most consistent round of golf I have played in the past two or three months," Mochrie said.

The winner will receive \$70,000 and the runner-up \$35,000.

FOSTER SEEKS TO QUALIFY FOR GAMES

Griffith-Joyner hunts 200m record



Griffith-Joyner coasts along after setting a new US record. (Reuters wirephoto)

INDIANAPOLIS, July 23. (Reuters): Florence Griffith-Joyner is looking for a world record while Greg Foster is just hoping for a three-top finish this evening when they help bring down the curtain on the US Olympic trials.

Griffith-Joyner ran the eighth fastest 200 metres ever — 21.77 seconds — in yesterday's quarterfinals for a US record and promised her second world record in eight days.

"If I just run through the tape the (200 metres) record will come," said the brightly clad Californian, who set the 100 metres record of 10.49 seconds at the trials on July 16.

Foster took the cast off his broken left arm and gave his all in surviving two rounds of the 110 metres hurdles.

Clocked

The two-time world champion won his first-round heat in 13.38 seconds and then clocked 13.69 seconds to finish third in the quarterfinals.

The times were a far cry from Foster's best performance — 13.03 seconds — but they enabled him to advance to today's semifinal of the event.

A good time there would put him in the final, where the 1984

Olympic silver medalist must finish in the top three to make the US team for Seoul.

"The pain was a lot more noticeable than it has been in the last week," said Foster, who broke the arm July 4 during a routine workout in California.

"I felt okay the first three to five hurdles, then the arm took over my sense of timing. By the fifth hurdle it was like not using my arm at all," Foster said.

Roger Kingdom who defeated Foster for the 1984 gold, had the fastest time in the quarterfinals — 13.34 seconds.

Tonia Campbell also ran well, clocking 13.35 seconds in the first quarterfinal race.

World record holder Renaldo Nehemiah, continuing his comeback, also made it to the semifinals. He ran 13.72 seconds for third in his quarterfinal after an opening-round time of 13.65 seconds.

The United States decided its Olympic team in three events during yesterday's session, and the women's 100 metres hurdles produced a surprising winner.

Jackie Humphre, running the time of her life, clocked 12.88 seconds to upset US co-record holder Gail Devers-Roberts and

Lavonna Martin. Devers-Roberts ran 12.90 seconds and Martin 12.93 seconds.

Benita Fitzgerald-Brown, the 1984 Olympic champion, failed by one-hundredth of a second to make the US team and Kim Turner McKenzie, the 1984 Olympic co-bronze medalist, was fifth in 13.01 seconds.

Brian Abshire won the 3,000 metres steeplechase in eight minutes, 23.64 seconds as he outran Olympians Henry Marsh and Brian Diemer.

Lynn Nelson led the last 7,000 metres and grabbed first place in the women's 10,000 metres in 31 minutes, 51.27 seconds.

Bounded

Francie Larrieu Smith and Lynn Jennings joined her on the US team.

Earlier, Jackie Joyner-Kersey took one jump in qualifying for the women's long jump and bounded 7.22 metres to advance to today's final.

Also going for the spot on the 1988 US team today will be Mac Wilkins, the 1976 Olympic discus champion, and four-time Olympian John Powell.

Wilkins threw 63.86 metres in yesterday's qualifying and Powell had a best of 62.54 metres.



Louganis: beaten into 2nd place by Bradshaw

Neyer clinches 15th US springboard title

JRVINE, California, July 23. (AP): Former 3-metre springboard world champion Megan Neyer of the United States won the women's 1-metre finals yesterday at the US Diving Outdoor Championships, her 15th national springboard title.

Neyer, also the winner of yesterday morning's preliminaries, received 481.74 points for the 10-dive programme.

Kim Fugett, of Ohio was second with 448.29 and Mary Fischbach of Iowa third with 444.06. Fugett, Fischbach and Wendy Lucero, who finished fifth, are former national champions.

Trained

"I felt good and was steady," Neyer said. "I love the 1-metre. I haven't trained for it a lot this year, so that makes this win especially rewarding."

Neyer won her world title in 1982, but failed to qualify for the 1984 Olympics.

"I'm a lot different now," Neyer said. "I think I'm stronger, a lot happier and having more fun. I'm not taking it as seriously as I used to."

The lone surprise in the preliminaries came when 1982 platform world champion Wendy Wyland of Florida failed to qualify. Wyland finished 14th in the 35-woman field with 380.01 points, three behind the final qualifier, Reyne Borup of New Jersey.

In the men's 3-metre springboard preliminaries, Mark Bradshaw used a strong final dive to edge two-time Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis.

Trailing Louganis by 4.02 points after 10 dives, Bradshaw was awarded 66.33 points with a reverse 1 1-2 somersault with 3 1-2 twists. Louganis received 60.90 for his final dive, a reverse 3 1-2 somersault.

Bradshaw, of Ohio, got 650.28 points for his 11-dive programme while Louganis, of Florida, got 648.87. Ron Meyer of Louisiana was third among the 12 qualifiers with 632.07.

Preliminary points do not carry over to the finals, set for today.

"I didn't dive in the 1-metre and felt rested and ready to go," Bradshaw said. "It will be easier to dive better tomorrow because there will be fewer divers and everything will go quicker."

Louganis won the 1-metre springboard competition Thursday night.

The US outdoor is the last major meet before the Olympic trials, scheduled Aug 17-21 at Indianapolis. Divers finishing in the top eight in the 3-metre springboard and 10-metre platform events automatically qualify for the trials and earn berths on the national team which will compete in Europe and Australia this winter.

The women's 3-metre springboard finals were also set for today. The meet concludes tomorrow with the platform finals.

Hoerner sets year's best time in 100m breaststroke

POTSDAM, East Germany, July 23. (Reuters): European champion and world record holder Silke Hoerner set the fastest 100 metres breaststroke time this year on Friday, the fourth day of the East German Swimming Championships.

The 22-year-old Leipzig sports student came under intense pressure from Annett Rex, who had swum the previous season's best, but managed to reclaim her crown in one minute 8.74 seconds, just under a second short of her world record.

Hoerner is also the European 200 metres breaststroke champion and took the silver medal

over the distance at the last World Championships.

In the women's 100 metres butterfly, European champion Kristin Otto was just squeezed out by national title holder Birte Weigang in 59.65 seconds, the second fastest time this season behind China's Jiang Hong.

Otto — who has five European and four world titles and has already won the national 100 metres freestyle and backstroke titles at the six-day, championships — was just 0.12 seconds behind Weigang.

Uwe Dassler, European 400 metres freestyle champion and world runner-up, retained the national title with the second best time this year, three minutes 49.20 seconds.

At 100 metres, Dassler was already just under a second in front of Sven Lodziewski and had pulled a further second ahead by the finish.

Henter swims to European record

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, July 23. (Reuters): Frank Henter, free of the Olympic qualifying pressure on competitors in other races, broke the European 50 metres butterfly record at the West German Swimming Championships yesterday.

He set the record time of 24.61 seconds for the non-Olympic event in a preliminary heat and went on to win the final in 24.70.

The previous record of 24.77 seconds was set by his compatriot Michael Gross on his way to winning the 100 metres butterfly title at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Helping

Gross was active yesterday in the men's 4x100 metres freestyle relay, helping his Offenbach club to take the title for the eighth successive time with a national record of three minutes 21.89 seconds.

The day's best showing in an Olympic qualifying event came from world champion Rainer Henkel, who made sure of his ticket to Seoul by winning the men's 400 metres freestyle in a fine 3:49.74.

Senna retains GP pole position

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany, July 23. (Reuters): Brazilian Ayrton Senna secured pole position for tomorrow's West German Grand Prix motor race with the minimum of bother during today's final qualifying session.

In heatwave conditions, which prevented 14 drivers from improving on yesterday's times, the McLaren driver elected to rest upon the laurels he had earned with his opening qualifying time of one minute 44.596 seconds.

It proved a wise decision as fellow-Brazilian Nelson Piquet and Italian Alessandro Nannini were the only men in the top six able to improve their times in the blazing sunshine — though not enough to affect their grid positions.

Senna, starting from pole for the seventh time in nine races this season, will have his McLaren team-mate and world champion-ship leader Alain Prost of France alongside him on the front row.

Prost, like Senna, failed to improve on his time from yesterday's session.

It is the 23rd pole of Senna's 71-race Grand Prix career. Prost, a more restrained competitor during qualifying sessions, has earned 17 pole positions in 130 Grands Prix.

The Ferraris of Austrian Gerhard Berger and Italian Michele Alboreto were also unable to improve their times — Berger despite a late charge which resulted in a lurid spin — but retained their dominance of the second row.

World champion Piquet finished fifth-quickest in his Lotus and Nannini was sixth — and the fastest normally-aspirated contender — in a Benetton.

Delighted

Piquet, seeking a hat-trick of West German victories in his 150th Grand Prix, said he was delighted with the Lotus team's newly-introduced driver-controlled computerised suspension system.

It enables the Lotus drivers to adjust the ride of their car from soft to hard according to the track conditions and the car's fuel load.

Senna said: "We took the decision to concentrate on a race set-up, running with full fuel load, before the start of the session."

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Senna fixes a new visor. (Reuters wirephoto)

West Ham sign Ireland striker

LONDON, July 23. (Reuters): West Ham beat London soccer rivals Tottenham in the race to sign Walsall and Ireland international striker David Kelly.

Kelly, valued at around half a million pounds sterling (\$870,000), joined his new club last night.

Exciting

West Ham manager John Lyall said: "David is what I would describe as a natural player with plenty of flair and will bring a lot of exciting action to the club."

Lyall said he expects a decision from England international Tony Cottee by Monday. The £2 million marksman is being pursued by Arsenal and Everton.

Maradona slams Napoli manager

MERANO, Italy, July 23. (Reuters): Diego Maradona issued what amounted to a statement of no-confidence in Napoli manager Ottavio Bianchi today, saying he had wanted him out of the job at the end of last season.

"We all thought of changing the manager. Instead (club President Corrado) Ferlino reconfirmed Bianchi," the Argentine World Cup captain told Italian radio.

"Ferlino must know why he did it given that the entire team took a stand with a statement against Bianchi," added Maradona.

Sixteen Napoli players have been fined by the Italian League for an open rebellion against Bianchi at the end of last season as a second League title slipped

disastrously out of the club's grasp.

Maradona, the team captain, was not among those fined and had been thought to have stayed out of the dispute.

But yesterday's statement, the latest shot in a war of words between the manager and his captain since Thursday, made clear Maradona was deeply dissatisfied with events at the club.

"I say what I think and then I pay the fine," Maradona said.

"The problem now is to do the best for Napoli and at the moment there is certainly nothing to smile about. I can't smile if the smile doesn't come to my face," he said.

Maradona was speaking at a health farm in the northern Italian mountains where he retired for a week on Thursday

after returning from holiday in Polynesia.

He told reporters on his return to Italy that Napoli had broken promises over their treatment of players involved in the revolt and criticised Bianchi and Ferlino for signing Brazilian player Alemão.

Bianchi, who decided to ride out the revolt after winning a statement of confidence from Napoli directors, hit back at Maradona yesterday, accusing him of arrogance and insubordination.

"If Maradona thinks he is the president let him come here and hand me my letter of dismissal. And when he talks about Bianchi he would do well to call me Signor (Mr) Bianchi," the manager said at the team's training retreat.

Henderson and Canseco take Athletics past Tigers

NEW YORK, July 23. (AP): Jeff Robinson and the Detroit Tigers learned the hard way. It's hard to keep Jose Canseco and the Oakland Athletics down for long.

Dave Henderson and Canseco struck for consecutive home runs in the sixth inning, Oakland's first hits off Robinson, and the Athletics beat visiting Detroit Tigers 4-1 last night in a game between American League leaders.

Canseco hit his 26th homer, most in the majors, and Dennis Eckersley got his 30th save, also tops in baseball. Henderson hit his 13th home run, and the Athletics have won every game in which he's connected.

"The only thing we were talking about was how the balls weren't going out of here tonight," Canseco said.

The Athletics maintained their 5 1-2 game lead over Minnesota in the American League West. Detroit's lead in the AL East was trimmed to one game over New York.

Red Sox 4, White Sox 3

Boston won its nine straight game without a loss under new manager Joe Morgan, beating Chicago for its team-record 14th consecutive victory at Fenway Park. Wes Gardner, 4-1, allowed five hits in 7 1-3 innings.

Twins 6, Orioles 1

Frank Viola became baseball's first 16-game winner with eight

shutout innings as Minnesota beat Baltimore. Kirby Puckett went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer. Jeff Ballard, 4-8, lost his fourth straight decision.

Yankees 9, Royals 8

Rickey Henderson went 3-for-4, scored three runs and stole three bases as New York won in Kansas City. Neil Allen, 3-2, was the winner and Dave Righetti got his 12th save.

Mariners 10, Blue Jays 9

John Rabb singled home Mickey Brantley from third base in the 10th inning and Seattle beat Toronto at the Kingdome. Mike Schooler, 2-3, got the victory despite allowing the ninth-inning homers. Jim Presley hit a three-run homer for the Mariners, his 100th career home run.

Brewers 2, Rangers 1

Dale Sveum tied the game with a triple and scored on B. J. Surhoff's single in the ninth inning, rallying Milwaukee over visiting Texas. Jeff Russell shut out the Brewers on three singles until Billy Jo Robidoux led off the ninth with a single. Chuck Crim, 3-4, got the victory.

Angels 7, Indians 4

Wally Joyner tied a team record with three doubles, Johnny Ray went 3-for-4 with a homerun and rookie Terry Clark won his third straight start as California beat visiting Cleveland.

First place has become a habit



Mets' pitcher Dwight Gooden is safe sliding back into 1st base beating the tag of Braves' first baseman Gerald Perry (left). (Reuters wirephoto)

for the New York Mets: a habit they're not ready to kick.

With their lead down to a half-game over Pittsburgh in the National League East, the Mets used the strong arms of Dwight Gooden and David Cone to sweep a doubleheader from the Atlanta Braves last night and

move two games in front of the Pirates, who were beaten by Los Angeles.

"We've been king of the hill for so long, you never like to get knocked off the hill," manager Davey Johnson said. "I would prefer that we keep it the way it is and not have to prove we can

come from behind."

Gooden, 12-5, scattered eight hits in the opener and struck out his 1,000th batter as the Mets won 6-1.

New York had lost eight of 12 before sweeping the Braves and several of the Mets had been calling for players-only meeting. Johnson, however, was looking for a more tangible solution.

Cubs 5, Padres 4

Manny Trillo scored the winning run from second in the bottom of the 11th inning when second baseman Roberto Alomar dropped a pickoff attempt as Chicago beat San Diego. Frank Dipino, 1-3, worked two scoreless innings.

Dodgers 4, Pirates 2

Pinch-hitter Mickey Hatcher's two-run double in the seventh inning broke a tie and Tim Lincecum pitched 5 1-3 no-hit innings as Los Angeles handed Pittsburgh its second loss in 14 games.

Reds 4, Expos 1

Eric Davis capped a two-run first inning with an RBI single, and left-hander Danny Jackson scattered seven hits over eight innings to lead Cincinnati. Montreal's Brian Holman, 1-3, allowed just the two first-innings run in his six innings.

Results

American League

New York 9 Kansas City 8

California 7 Cleveland 4

Oakland 4 Detroit 1

Minnesota 6 Baltimore 1

Boston 4 Chicago 3

Seattle 10 Toronto 9

Milwaukee 2 Texas 1

National League

(1) New York 6 Atlanta 1

(2) New York 5 Atlanta 1

Los Angeles 4 Pittsburgh 2

Chicago 5 San Diego 4

SPORTS

PRINGLE TRANSFORMS FOURTH TEST

England strike back against W. Indies

LEEDS, England, July 23. (Reuters) Scorer Derek Pringle, whose England performances have often drawn stinging criticism, today transformed the fourth Test against West Indies into a genuine contest by producing the most incisive bowling of his international career.

He collected three wickets in the space of 16 balls on the third day as England matched their formidable opponents for the first time in the five-match series. But even Pringle found himself outstaged by the dismal English summer. Only 100 minutes play was possible after heavy overnight rain delayed the start by three hours and then a torrential downpour forced a premature close.

Advanced

In that time West Indies, replying to England's first innings 201, had advanced from 156 for five to 238 for eight.

Pringle exploited the humid conditions to good effect to finish the day with five for 73. The only other time he has taken five wickets in a Test innings was against West Indies on their 1984 tour.

His first success of the day ended a gritty sixth-wicket stand of 38 between debutant Keith Arthurton and Roger Harper

which had threatened to give the tourists a lead, already 2-0 up in the five-match series, a firm grip on the match.

Arthurton, growing in confidence after a nervous start, edged an outswinger to wicketkeeper Jack Richards when he had made 17.

Malcolm Marshall and Curtly Ambrose followed in quick succession during a spell when England also should have removed Harper.

He edged a ball from Neil Foster, who bowled well but without luck, at comfortable catching height between England skipper Chris Cowdrey and Bill Athey in the slips.

A brilliant catch at second slip by Graham Gooch accounted for Marshall for three at 210 and Pringle completed his good day's work by trapping Ambrose leg before for eight at 222 just before tea.

Meanwhile, Allan Lamb has promised to limp out to help England's cause — provided he can stand without crutches.

Lamb was forced to retire hurt yesterday after tearing his right calf muscle while hitting a fluent 64. England then tumbled from 183 for two to 301 all out.

But, despite being forced to hobble around on crutches for



Pringle: five for 73

the rest of the day, Lamb refused to count himself out of the game.

The South African-born batsman said: "I'm going to have more treatment and just hope that if I can put some weight on my right leg and I'm needed I will

be able to go out and bat.

"I'm disappointed and depressed about all this because we had just got ourselves into a nice position and I feel that I let the side down.

"But the problem was I could

dn't stand. If I could have stood, I would have stayed out there."

England physiotherapist Laurie Brown said the injury could take two to three weeks to heal completely so Lamb looks likely to miss the final Test at the Oval starting on August 4.

Lamb said: "When I played the ball square I was up on my toes and my feet were at an angle. As I started off for the single I felt my leg go, but thought it was cramp for a moment and kept running. Then it just sort of locked and I knew it wasn't cramp."

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 201 (A. Lamb 64 retired hurt)

WEST INDIES first innings (overnight 156 for five)

D. Pringle b Pringle 54
J. Doolan c Smith b Dilley 13
C. Hooper lbw b Foster 19
V. Richards c Curtis b Foster 18
G. Logie c Foster b Pringle 27
R. Harper not out 31
M. Marshall c Gooch b Pringle 3
C. Ambrose lbw b Pringle 8
W. Benjamin not out 14
Extras (lb-14) 13
Total (for eight wickets) 238
Fall of wickets: 1-15 2-61 3-97 4-137 5-156 6-194 7-210 8-222
To bat: C. Walsh
Bowling to date: Dilley 15-5-46-1, Foster 30-5-6-97-2, Pringle 20-6-73-5, Cowdrey 1-0-8-0.

Marsh sees Kent past Northants

LONDON, July 23. (Reuters) Kent beat Northamptonshire by one wicket with two balls to spare yesterday to consolidate their position at the top of the English county cricket table.

Set 288 in three and a half hours for their eighth championship win of the season, Kent got home with Steve Marsh (38 not out) pushing the winning single off the fourth ball of the last over. Graham Cowdrey, brother of New England captain Chris Cowdrey, hammered 49 off 41 balls with three sixes, carrying on the good work started by Trevor Ward (59) and Chris Tavare (37). Earlier, the home side declared at 226 for three, Wayne Larkins hitting an unbeaten 112 with a six and 18 fours.

Today Kent were at home to Worcestershire who moved into second place with a 21-run victory over lowly Yorkshire at Worcester.

Pushed

Worcester's sixth win of the season seemed increasingly unlikely when Yorkshire pushed on towards a target of 270 in 67 overs with their first individual century of the summer — a well-paced 106 in three and a half hours by Martyn Moxon.

The deposed England opener seemed to be timing the victory charge to perfection when putting on 71 with Phil Robinson (33), but the last five wickets fell for 40 after Richard Illingworth (four for 82) had him caught at long-off.

Worcester jumped from fourth place, leapfrogging Essex and Lancashire who both drew. Lancashire finished level with Surrey after failing to grab the single they needed from the last three balls of the match.

It was a remarkable finish with Wasim Akram on 98 and Lancashire on 271 for seven, having been set a target of 272 in 70 overs.

Wasim knew he could complete his century only by hitting a boundary and tried to slam Ian



Wasim: hit 98

Greig's fourth ball over deep mid-wicket, only to be superbly caught by David Ward.

Jack Simmons faced the next ball and could not lay his bat on it as it flew down the legside. Umpire Jack Hampshire refused to give a wide and Simmons was left needing a single from the final delivery.

Again Greig sent it down the legside, again Hampshire let it stand and Warren Hegg, trying to make a bye out of it, was run out by wicketkeeper Alec Stewart.

Lancashire slipped to fourth 45 points behind Kent and 10 behind Worcester.

English County Championship cricket table after yesterday's results (tableau under played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, total points):

Kent	13	8	3	2	33	40	201
Worcester	13	6	2	5	29	40	166
Essex	14	5	4	5	38	42	160
Lancashire	14	5	3	6	27	41	156
Warwick	13	5	4	4	26	43	149
Nottingham	13	5	6	2	13	44	133
Leicestershire	13	4	2	7	30	39	133
Gloucestershire	14	4	6	3	33	35	132
Northants	13	4	4	5	26	39	129
Middlesex	14	4	3	7	27	35	126
Surrey	12	3	6	6	20	40	117
Somerset	12	3	3	6	25	35	116
Derbyshire	13	2	8	3	35	27	110
Hampshire	13	2	4	7	17	38	87
Yorkshire	12	2	6	4	15	38	85
Sussex	12	1	7	4	19	40	75
Glamorgan	12	0	4	8	22	27	49

Anglican clerics break debate to play cricket with a woman

CANTERBURY, England, July 23. (Reuters) Anglican bishops, holding their international Lambeth conference in Canterbury, took a break from debate over the ordination of women to play cricket today — with a woman.

The Reverend Sheila McLachlan, chaplain of Kent University where the three-week conference is being held, batted against the bishops.

"Maybe I'm helping to break the stereotype picture of the woman in holy orders," McLachlan, one of the first women deacons ordained in England, said.

Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, spiritual leader of the 70-million-

strong Anglican Church, shared umpiring duties with former Sussex and England player David Sheppard, now bishop of Liverpool.

Runcie's team, the Select XI, included several Australians, among them sports enthusiast Archbishop of Melbourne David Penman. McLachlan's team was the Diocesan XI.

The match had to be abandoned because of pouring rain.

This evening the 525 bishops, representing 164 countries, arranged to attend a service in Canterbury Cathedral to mark the millennium of Christianity in Russia.

Spaniard wins 21st stage

SANTENAY, France, July 23. (Reuters) Juan Martinez-Oliver of Spain won the 21st and penultimate stage of the Tour de France today, a 46-km individual time trial starting and finishing in Santenay, in a time of one hour two minutes 37 seconds.

Tony Rominger of Switzerland was second and Milan Jurco of Czechoslovakia was third.

Successes

Pedro Delgado of Spain retained the race leader's yellow jersey.

In the women's section, Valerie Simmonet, a member of

the France 'B' team, won the 11th stage yesterday as Jeanne Longo of France retained the overall lead.

It was Simmonet's second stage victory on this year's tour and matches the two stage successes she had in the 1985 race.

Simmonet won the 82-kilometre stage yesterday in 2 hours, 6 minutes, 5 seconds, as she sprinted away from the Netherlands' Monique Knol, who was the yellow jersey winner after the July 9 prologue.

Longo, the defending champion, ended in 10th place for the stage and was credited with the same time as the winner.

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BOWLING

Atlas take Kabayan to task

ATLAS International Corporation dominated the lanes in the first and third games to beat Kabayan Restaurant in the 9th round of games in the Palarong Pilipino Bowling '88 at the Club 300 on Friday.

In the first game Atlas won by 811-660 while the third game ended 854-619 in their favour. Atlas lost the second game by only 16 pins, 753-769.

For Atlas the top scorers were Henry, Mac Ampalayo and Bobby Bautista with 513, 541 and 473 respectively. They were well supported by Egay Cruz with 314, Ric Belen 308, Buddy Putungan 155 and Bien Dantes 114.

Held

In the other games held on Friday, Hatid Lagaya-Abughosh Int'l thrashed Kuwait Airways 4-0. Al Nakest were held to a 2-2 draw by Public Ports Authority (Shuaiba). Oriental Trading demolished Alghanim 4-0 and Mobil Oil lamed Kay & Associates 3 1/2-1/2.

In the 200 Club competition so far, Jimmy Tadena is at the top with a score of 279 followed by Sammy Begonia 258 and Pete Vallino is in third place with 255. There are a total of 15 players in the 200 Club.

On Friday, Atlas Int'l meet Alghanim Freight, Hatid Lagaya take on Kay, Kabayan Restaurant meet Mobil Oil, Kuwait Regency Palace face Kuwait Airways and Al Nakest confront Oriental Trading.

Cauthen finishes in fourth place

Mtoto scores easy win over Unfuwain

ASCOT, England, July 23. (Reuters) Mtoto proved himself the best middle distance performer in Britain and probably Europe with a dazzling two-length success in the King George VI and the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes today.

The five-year-old colt, starting at the generous odds of 4-1, came from last to first to beat the 2-1 favourite Unfuwain with Italian rider Tony Bin (9-2) one-and-a-half lengths away in third place and Almasaad, the mount of Steve Cauthen, fourth.

The result was a triumph for the Maktoom family of Dubai. The winner is owned by Sheikh Ahmed, while the second and fourth belong to his brother Hamdan Al Maktoom.

South African jockey Michael Roberts has always had the

utmost faith in Mtoto but persistent rain over the last few days had softened the ground. Mtoto was thought to be much more effective on fast going and bookmakers, who had originally quoted him at 6-4, lengthened the odds to 4-1.

Twelve months ago Mtoto was withdrawn from the King George because of the soft ground but trainer Alec Stewart was determined to let the horse prove himself in the conditions and over 12 furlongs.

Considered

The Newmarket trainer said: "I never really had any doubts about the ground. I would only have considered taking him out if it had been really heavy."

Mtoto, whose form previously had been best at 10 furlongs, will now go for the Prix de l'Arc de

Triomphe in October where he is 3-1 favourite. He finished fourth in the race last year after a preparation interrupted by injury.

Roberts was content to let the horse lope along at the back of the field for three-quarters of the trip as Glacial Storm led the way with 1986 St Leger winner Moon Madness and Unfuwain, ridden by Willie Carson, in attendance.

The heavily-fancied Tony Bin, ridden by leading Irish jockey Pat Eddery, was also kept in the rear.

Turning into the straight Moon Madness, not at his best on soft going, gave way to Unfuwain with Doyoun, who finished third in the Epsom Derby, and the four-year-old mare Percy Lass trying to mount a challenge.

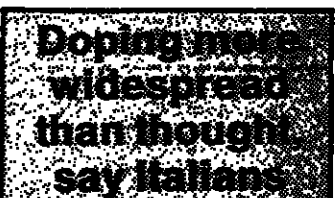
But after straightening for home Mtoto made dramatic progress up the centre of the course and Unfuwain and Carson were powerless.

Results

Group Three Princess Margaret Stakes for two-year-filles over six furlongs:
1. Mububhi 6-1 (ridden by Richard Hills)
2. Kerrera 11-4 on favourite (Walter Swinburn)
3. Miss Secret 25-1 (Willie Carson)

Winner owned by Hamdan Al Maktoom and trained by Harry Thompson Jones at Newmarket.
Value to winning owner: £18,444 (\$31,354)
Group One King George VI and the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes over one and a half miles:
1. Mtoto 4-1 (Michael Roberts)
2. Unfuwain 2-1 favourite (Willie Carson)
3. Tony Bin 9-2 (Pat Eddery)

Winner owned by Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoom and trained by Alec Stewart at Newmarket.
Value of winning owner: £218,808 (\$370,000)



ROME, July 23. (Reuters) Italy's National Olympic Committee (CONI) said yesterday that an inquiry into doping in Italian sport had shown the practice was more widespread than thought.

A meeting of the national council of the committee said after considering the findings that all national federations should adopt uniform sanctions against drug-abusers and abide by a standard list of banned substances.

The report was drawn up by a commission of inquiry set up in January after newspaper allegations of widespread doping, particularly among athletes.

A senior national trainer had also charged that instances of doping had gone unpunished because officials were anxious for victory.

CONI president Arrigo Gattai said the commission had not been given a mandate to investigate individual abuses.

"We simply asked it to make a photograph of the reality. The photograph that has perhaps turned out to be blacker than we expected," he told a news conference.

Decided

The national council of CONI, which oversees all Italian sporting federations, decided that an International Olympic Committee (IOC) list of banned substances should be the basis for all federations.

It also said sanctions against sportsmen tested positively for drugs and officials found to have administered them should be punished according to norms set by the IOC medical commission and a world conference on doping in sport.

A statement gave as an example a suspension of two years for sportsmen found to have taken anabolic steroids and a life ban for a second offence.

The Italian Athletics Federation FIDAL was severely embarrassed by the newspaper allegations which prompted the inquiry and since January has made random drug tests compulsory during training as well as competition.

West Germany reach Davis Cup final

DORTMUND, West Germany, July 23. (Reuters) Boris Becker and Eric Jelen put West Germany into the Davis Cup final today, but they had to battle for almost four hours before winning the doubles and taking an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Yugoslavia in their world group semifinal.

Slobodan Zivjotinovic, celebrating his 25th birthday, and 16-year-old Goran Ivanisevic, making a highly impressive Davis Cup debut, took the first two sets and even had match point in the fourth.

But as fatigue set in, Ivanisevic in particular faltered to drop service in both the last two sets. After three hours and 51 minutes play, Becker and Jelen won 5-7-4-6-1 11-9-9-7.

The two West Germans had won both the opening singles yesterday. The doubles victory ensured West Germany's third appearance in the final and made Sunday's reverse singles of academic interest only.

Ivanisevic, with a variety of serve unmatched by the other players, played with a maturity well beyond his years. Instead of being intimidated by being twice by Becker in the opening game, the lanky left-handed teenager in turn produced an ace on his first serve to the World No. 4.

It was Jelen who proved the weak link initially, being broken in the 11th game of the first set and third of the second to give Yugoslavia the advantage. The



Becker (right) and Jelen.

West Germans saved six set points in the 10th game of the second set, but after nine deuces Zivjotinovic finally held service to take the game and the set.

But he and Ivanisevic faded badly in the third set, after which the players had a 10-minute break to recover their strength.

The long fourth set showed how the fast carpet surface reduced play to good serving and quick rallies. There was no glimmer of a break point for the first 15 games, but Yugoslavia came within a whisker of victory in the 16th.

But with match point on Jelen's service, Ivanisevic hit into the net, and it was his own service being broken three games later, which put West Germany back on level terms at two sets all.

Becker, who held service throughout the match, guided Jelen through the final set, where again there was only one break point in the first 14 games.

But then it was Ivanisevic's turn to serve again, and Becker and Jelen successfully went for the kill and an 8-7 lead. Jelen served out the match to love in the following game, securing vic-

tory stylishly with an ace. In Bastad, Sweden, Mats Wilander shrugged off his indifferent form of 24 hours ago to complete a gritty five-set victory over Yannick Noah when Davis Cup holders Sweden resumed their semifinal against France today.

Playing his 40th Davis Cup singles, Wilander, who trailed by one set and 4-4 in the second when rain halted play yesterday, won 2-6 13-11 6-3 3-6 6-0 to take his overall record in the competition to 31-9 and give the holders a 1-0 lead. Stefan Edberg later made it 2-0 for Sweden when he beat Henri Leconte 6-4 6-4 8-10 3-6 6-4.

In Buenos Aires, John McEnroe and Andre Agassi scored contrasting victories to give the United States a 2-0 lead over Argentina on the opening day of the Davis Cup American Zone Group One final yesterday.

Ranked

While McEnroe spent five sets seeing off the challenge of Guillermo Perez Roldan, Agassi, ranked five in the world, powered his way to a 6-2 6-2 6-1 win over Argentine number one Martin Jaito in little more than an hour. McEnroe won 6-2 5-7 6-3 6-6-3.

And in Zell Am See, Austria, Austria reached the world group of the Davis Cup for the first time after taking an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Britain in their European Group One Zone A final today.

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